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Sri Lanka's violent divisions explode in the heart of Colombo

Over 100 die in massacre at bus station

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

A massive bomb exploding in a crowded bus station during the rush hour in the heart of Colombo causing more than one hundred deaths and several hundred casualties yesterday.

Seven light, privately owned buses and three heavy Transport Board single-deckers, all of which were either full or being boarded by home-going workers, were virtually destroyed in the blast. The explosion was heard all over the city, and sent a black mushroom of smoke spiralling upwards.

The bodies of the dead lay in bloody heaps among the glass and twisted metal of the ruined buses. Local hospitals called in emergency help as the dead and dying, the badly wounded and those with only mild cuts came pouring in. More than 200 injured were treated at the Colombo General Hospital, which eventually had to close its doors to further admissions. Jaywardenapura Hospital, a few miles away, also treated more than 200 casualties. First estimates by the authorities were that more than a hundred people had been killed. But at the hospitals they soon stopped counting the dead. The mor-

tuary quickly overflowed and dead bodies, men and women, were casually heaped in a garage and covered with straw mats.

At the scene of the explosion fires blazed in the shops on the ground floor of the Ceylon Transport Board building, and a huge, angry crowd began to mass around the site. Fortunately perhaps, a tropical storm began at this time and for several hours a downpour kept tempers moderately cool, although a number of Tamils were beaten.

Later, gangs of young men were stopping cars and looking for Tamils in the Maradana area of town, not far from the bomb blast site. The authorities clamped down a curfew to head off further trouble. Helicopters with searchlights flew overhead.

Late last night, police in the Maradana area fired into the air apparently in an effort to disperse the crowds.

The bomb went off inside a bus, according to eyewitness reports. Mr U.C. Pereira, a port authority official, said that he was returning home from work when the bomb exploded. "There must have been at least a thousand people at the bus stand," he said. "I heard the bang and then I was hit by something. I think it was glass. I am just thinking what has happened to this country in these few years."

At the hospital, the director, Dr H.J.O. Fernando, said that he and his staff were able to cope with the flood of casualties. "We have an emergency stock of medical supplies for a disaster," he said. "So far we have not run short of anything."

Scenes at the hospital were like something out of a 19th century war. Patients dripping blood were rushed along hos-

pital corridors, often two to a trolley.

Others were lying two to a bed, with the more lightly hurt sitting in groups of half a dozen on one bed. Some lay on straw mats on the floor. Doctors, nurses and medical students picked their way among the crowds of patients and their well-wishers. Bandages, plasters and emergency drips were in constant supply. Some of the wounded groaned or even shouted out aloud with the pain, but most simply lay shocked and numb.

The bomb is the latest terrorist outrage in a series which began on Good Friday aimed at "soft" civilian targets. So far the Easter campaign appears to have claimed at least 250 lives. The vast majority of the dead were civilians, and even those who were members of the security forces were unarmed and in civilian clothes, or returning from leave.

A second bomb yesterday blew up the railway track at Murunkan in the Mannar district of the Northern Province. No one was hurt.

The curfew imposed overnight has been extended for the whole of today from 9 am, with only a four-hour break this morning at five am. Today, there has been a public, bank and mercantile holiday throughout the country, in order to keep as many people off the streets as possible. The Government has for calm and urged people to stay at home.

A statement from the official Media Centre said last night that the bomb had been exploded by the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (Eros) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). The statement said that the blast had two aims, one to cause as many civilian casualties as possible, and two to cause a backlash "enraging a peace loving people" which will "lay the foundation of a separate state".

Argentine Army revolt

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - A new military revolt erupted yesterday in the northern Argentine city of Salta, less than 48 hours after President Alfonsín had put down a similar movement, the Telam news agency reported.

The uprising by the 5th Engineering Regiment appeared to be in protest at the

President's choice of a new Army Chief of Staff.

Telam said the leader was Major Jorge Durán. The Governor of Salta, Señor Roberto Romero, had been informed by the highest-ranking officer there, Colonel José Rodríguez.

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Kremlin arms initiative

Gorbachov mounts pressure

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has proposed to the US that the key question of the presence of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe should be discussed at a new set of talks which would negotiate at the same time over the size of conventional armed forces "from the Atlantic to the Urals".

Mr Gorbachov's latest disclosure, apparently designed to further step up pressure on the Nato allies to accept his latest arms control initiative covering medium-range, shorter-range and tactical or "battlefield" nuclear systems, was made at a luncheon here yesterday in honour of the visiting Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Outlining the three main proposals which Soviet negotiators have been instructed to try and mould into a quick agreement when the Geneva

arms talks resume on April 23, Mr Gorbachov then went further in providing details of his proposals to Mr Shultz than he has done previously.

He said that in addition to the main proposals, the issue of tactical nuclear systems in Europe, including tactical missiles, should be dealt with in special multilateral talks in accordance with the Budapest initiative of the Soviet Union, Poland, and the other Warsaw Treaty countries on reductions in the armed forces and conventional armaments in Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals.

The new proposal to link talks on short-range missile to reductions in conventional forces - in which the Soviet Union has nearly a 3-1 superiority - seemed aimed at allaying Nato fears that the expansion of the zero option to cover short and shorter-range missiles could leave

Europe at the mercy of the superiority of Soviet conventional weaponry and forces.

During the hard-hitting speech, which was sharply critical of Mr Shultz's proposals in the field of intercontinental nuclear weapons, Mr Gorbachov analysed publicly for the first time the reaction to his latest initiative. He praised the reaction of the European public but criticized the stance adopted by some Nato leaders.

"We naturally could not have failed to notice a positive reaction to the Moscow talks from the US President, although he voiced his optimism in a rather abstract manner. We have also noticed the signs of an all too familiar gambit, with Ivan pointing to

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Nazi may appeal against Soviet death sentence

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Karl Linna, the convicted Nazi war criminal who arrived in the Soviet republic of Estonia yesterday after being deported from the US, will be able to secure a temporary stay of execution by appealing under Soviet law against the death sentence passed on him in absentia 25 years ago.

But Western diplomatic sources said last night that it was considered unlikely that Mr Linna, now aged 67, would succeed in evading the firing squad. The sources noted that, along with Israel, the Soviet Union is the country where there is strongest public and governmental support for full retribution against Nazi war criminals.

The possibility of an appeal was

disclosed by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, who said that Mr Linna could appeal for mercy to the Estonian Supreme Court, which sentenced him in 1962.

Mr Gerasimov told a press conference that Mr Linna was flown from Prague directly to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, where he was convicted of taking part in atrocities at the camp in the river port city of Tartu, where 12,000 people, many of them Jews, were killed during the Nazi occupation.

The Kremlin spokesman said that Mr Linna had been escorted off the plane at Prague by a "special Soviet group", understood to have been KGB officials, and that there was no need for him to stop off in Moscow. Answering a question from Mr Walt

Rogers, the correspondent for the American ABC television network, Mr Gerasimov said: "Do you want to film him when he arrives in handcuffs? I do not think he is the sort of hero who deserves publicity. He is a war criminal."

Mr Linna, who was jailed for a year in the US before the deportation order was finally implemented, has consistently denied that he committed any war crimes, claiming that he was a student in Tartu during the war and never served in the German Army.

Before boarding the plane in New York, he shouted to reporters: "Tell the American people that what they are doing is murder and kidnapping." Tass, the official Soviet news agency, described Mr Linna as a "butcher" who had evaded "just

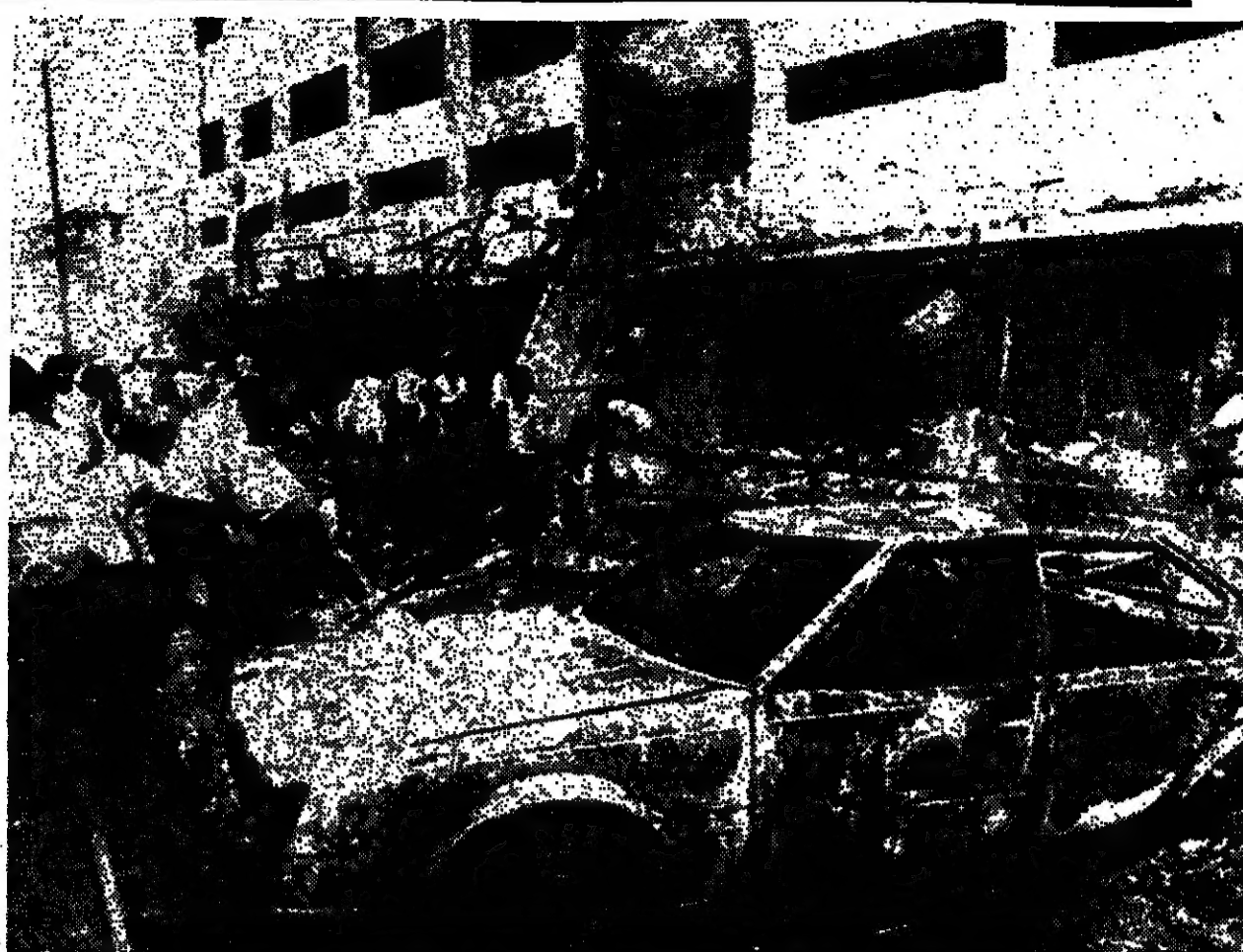
retribution" and had finally been deported when the US Government had ascertained after numerous inquiries that no country wanted to grant him asylum.

Mr Gerasimov also accused the US of procrastination, adding that if an appeal took place it would be considered much more quickly than the Linna case had taken under US law.

The move was welcomed by many ordinary Muscovites, in whom memories of the Second World War still excite strong emotions.

In recent months, the Soviet Union has been stepping up its worldwide campaign for the extradition of alleged Nazi war criminals, notably in Britain.

Photograph, page 6



Rescue workers pulling bodies from the wreckage left by a bomb explosion at a bus station in central Colombo yesterday.

Schools face new pressure

By Sarah Thompson

The National Union of Teachers is poised to withdraw cover for colleagues absent from work at secondary schools and from the second day of absence at primary and special schools.

The prospect looms after militants at the union's conference in Eastbourne yesterday succeeded in forcing the executive to put forward a motion on such action.

It was one of two defeats suffered by the executive which favours a more moderate policy of negotiating on the issue and authorizing strikes against "hostile" local authorities.

The executive also failed to turn down a motion which changes union rules so that members would be "instructed" rather than "called on" to strike.

Joint guidelines prepared by the NUT and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers will be overruled and schools will be hit harder than already threatened if the motion, which is supported by the London teachers, is passed by the conference today.

Leaders of the NUT are also worried that the policy will lead to expensive court cases. A recent ruling in the High Court said that cover was part of a teacher's professional duties.

Teachers' right to pay talks may be restored

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, hinted yesterday that he may be prepared to restore teachers' rights to negotiate pay and conditions of service with local authority employers in England and Wales.

The rights were removed by the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act, which last month gave Mr Baker power to impose a settlement in the long-running pay dispute. The Act also allowed him to form an interim committee to advise on future settlements.

Until yesterday Mr Baker had refused to say how long the advisory committee might exist, or what kind of body might replace it. His silence was condemned by the teachers' unions, who are already outraged by what they see as an attack on their democratic rights.

Speaking on the BBC radio's *The World At One*, Mr Baker repeated that he did not want to be the "determinant of teachers' pay and conditions in the long term".

He added: "I want there to be bargaining machinery. I want to move back to proper long-term arrangements and I want to talk to the unions and the local education authorities about it before the end of the year."

His statement was immediately seen by local authority

representatives as a welcome olive branch.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second biggest union, said he detected a "softening" in Mr Baker's

had in mind some form of joint negotiation.

Mr Baker also said yesterday that irreparable damage was being done to children's education by teachers' strikes and disruptive action.

He particularly condemned the strict work-to-rule announced on Monday by the National Union of Teachers and the NAS/UWT, in protest at the imposed contract, which will begin next week.

Mr Baker said: "Clock-watching fits very ill with people who claim to be professionals." He said he had heard very little from the teachers' Easter conferences about children's rights to an uninterrupted education, or about the rights of parents who would soon have to foot the £600 million bill for teachers' pay rises.

Mr Baker is known to have increasing doubts about whether the Government should push through the second half of the 16.4 per cent pay rise, which must be approved by Parliament in July.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday that the proposed work-to-rule would mean that most out-of-school activities would go by the board.

However, he denied that the

Alliance surge 'no threat to Tories'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative fears about the effect of the recent surge of support for the Liberal/SDP Alliance on the likelihood of a third election victory in a row are largely unfounded, according to a study published today.

The analysis, designed to dispel lingering doubts in the City about the desirability of an early election, suggests that the overall result is unlikely to be affected by tactical voting in the large number of seats where the Alliance were second to the Conservatives at the last election.

And it concludes that if the swing from the Tories to the Alliance since the last election, indicated by an average of the most recent opinion polls, were applied to the 266 seats where the Alliance was second to the Conservatives last time only 19 would be lost.

The survey, by economists working for Credit Suisse First Boston, the American Swiss investment bank, in consultation with leading psephologists, including Mr John Curtice, politics lecturer at the University of Liverpool, is being sent to City investors.

It comes as the Commons returns today after the Easter recess, with MPs of all parties expecting an announcement within the next month of a general election in June. The Labour Party, striving to recover from its recent fall in the polls, is planning to turn today's debate on the second reading of the Finance Bill into an attack on the Government's handling of the economy.

Ladbroke's, the book-makers, announced yesterday it had stopped taking bets on a June election. It makes the Conservatives the 8-1 on favourites, with Labour at 9-2 and the Alliance on 25-1. It offers odds of 4-1 against a hung parliament; only last month the odds against such an outcome were even.

The new analysis, although aimed at the City, will provide some reassurance for Conservative MPs who had the Alliance candidate as runner-up in 1983. Some of the members of that group appear to be the only significant body of opinion within the Tory party who would still prefer the Prime Minister to wait until October in the hope that the Alliance revival will flag.

The analysis concludes that the fall in Labour's share of the vote makes tactical voting less likely in a general election, which should reinforce the natural tendency for the Government to gain from a more even distribution of opposition votes.

Although Labour's share of the vote is close to the low-point of the 1983 election, it is in a good position in most of

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INSIDE IRA turns back to the gun

Security forces in Northern Ireland say that the resurgence in terrorist activity by the IRA is a reaction to the poor showing of its political wing in the Irish Republic's general election. According to police sources, the commander of the organization's Belfast brigade has orders to "produce results" which have led to mindless killings in order to satisfy its more extreme criminal elements. Page 5

Soweto attack

The South African authorities said a grenade was hurled into a police training barracks in Soweto killing one black recruit and injuring at least 60 others. Page 6

IN PART 2 Gold at peak

The price of gold rose to a four-year peak of \$454.30 an ounce as investors became more nervous of paper assets like shares and bonds. Page 19

MCC post

Lt-Col J. R. Stephenson has been appointed as secretary of the MCC in succession to Mr J. A. Bailey who retired in the new year. Page 40

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Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs E. Williams of Potters Bar, Middlesex. Details, page 3. ● Portfolio list, page 23.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Lucas jobs fear as Japan wins order

Loss of a large Austin Rover contract to a Japanese supplier has left a South Wales car instrument plant threatened with closure.

The Lucas Electrical plant at Ystradgynlais, in Powys, which employs 900 workers, could not supply instruments for the new Austin Rover model codenamed AR3, as cheaply as Nippon Seiki. Now it is feared Lucas will continue the contraction of its loss-making automotive business by withdrawing from instrument manufacture.

The company said a decision on the plant had not been taken but it is understood Lucas has told Austin Rover the supply of instruments for other Austin Rover models will be run down.

Last month the company closed its Finchley diesel pump plant with the loss of 500 jobs.

Nippon Seiki is believed to have turned down an offer to take over Ystradgynlais, and must now establish its own UK operation as manufacturing in Britain is a condition of the Austin Rover contract.

Phantom ailment

Michael Crawford, star of the West End musical *Phantom of the Opera*, has been detained in hospital with a severe stomach disorder and is expected to be out of the show for at least two weeks.

A spokesman for Mr Crawford, aged 40, said he had been suffering from hiatus hernia for about six weeks. The pain had become worse, and yesterday his doctor insisted he enter hospital for tests.

His role in the show at Her Majesty's Theatre will be taken by his understudy, Steve Barton.

£200m market plans

The City of London is likely to be offered more than £70 million for the site of Spitalfields market by rival developers whose plans for the area go on show today.

Alternative ideas for the future of the market area, covering more than 11 acres, are likely to cost more than £200 million. Tenders for the site must include plans for the relocation of market traders on a nearby site.

A revised plan by the Spitalfields Development Group was unveiled yesterday which reduces the office content of their original scheme to 810,000 square feet as well as providing 250 dwellings and extensive shopping facilities. Another scheme, by Rosehaugh Stanhope, is also likely to be submitted for planning permission.

Murder charge

Colin Hill, aged 28, of Walsingham Road, Folkestone, was yesterday remanded in custody until tomorrow by magistrates at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, accused of murdering Leanne Scott, aged 17.

His solicitor, Mr Michael Taylor, made no application for bail.

The body of Leanne, of Gidding Road, Sawtry, who disappeared a week ago, was found on Monday in a derelict farm building two miles from her home.

A post-mortem examination showed she had been strangled.

Nuclear protest

Nobel laureates, statesmen and leading figures in the arts are among the 130 signatories, from 10 countries, to a statement issued today which calls for the development of alternatives to nuclear energy.

Their petition is contained in a special publication from Friends of the Earth to mark the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, which occurred on April 26 last year.

They say a safer source of power should be found while nuclear energy provides only a small percentage of the world's needs.

Party still £3.5m short of election cash target

Labour retreats from blacks row

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Attempts were being made within the Labour Party yesterday to defuse the black sections dispute which is threatening to disqualify Miss Sharon Atkin, a black activist, from being Labour candidate for Nottingham East at the general election.

Black sections promoters denied that Miss Atkin had accused the Labour Party of being racist, saying that she had been misreported.

Meanwhile senior party sources, anxious not to provoke any more noise over a distracting side issue, were emphasizing that the next stage was a private affair between Miss Atkin and Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary, who has asked her to clarify reported statements before the national executive considers disciplinary action.

Miss Atkin will report to her constituency management committee today before deciding whether to meet Mr Whitty. She has won backing for her stand on black sections, which were ruled unconstitutional by the last party conference from her constituency executive.

Black sections activists accused the party leadership yesterday of running a disinformation campaign against Miss Atkin and the movement. Mr Marc Wadsworth, one of the organizers, said: "There are some people who seem hell-bent on putting black heads on platters".

Claiming that Labour had won 86 per cent of the Afro-Caribbean vote at the last election, Mr Wadsworth said that the party could pay a penalty in the 39 "ethnic marginals" — seats where the estimated black vote is larger

than the existing majority, with potential Labour activists and supporters failing to turn out in protest at the treatment of black sections.

The black sections claimed yesterday that Miss Atkin had not declared as reported that she did not care whether Labour won the next election or not and had not accused the party of being racist. They said that her actual words were: "I don't want a Parliamentary seat if I can't represent black people", words which, if used by a trade unionist about union members would not be taken seriously by anybody in the Labour movement.

On the "racist" accusation, Miss Atkin's supporters say that she was actually responding to angry shouting from black separatists and that, quoting back expressions which had been used, she said: "I don't give a damn about

Neil Kinnock and a racist Labour Party", before going on to make her points.

● In spite of being caught in a Catch 22 situation of their own making, trade union leaders believe they will still be able to raise the £5 million which Mr Neil Kinnock believes is necessary to mount a successful election campaign to return a Labour Government (Tim Jones writes).

With the prospect of a June election becoming increasingly likely, the umbrella Trade Unionists for Labour organization has raised about £1.5 million.

Mr Kinnock has maintained that while the party is ready mentally to fight an election his "real nightmare" is finding the money to match the Conservatives who receive generous donations from industry.

All 37 unions affiliated to

the Labour Party have promised to provide assistance and some, like the powerful General Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, have decided to pay their affiliations in one tranche rather than over the year.

The unions are being confronted by a situation in which their former practice of affiliating more members to the party than they have, to increase political influence at the annual conference, is causing them financial embarrassment.

The National Union of Mineworkers, which last year affiliated more than 200,000 members has a membership of just over half that figure.

More worrying for the Labour Party is the threat that unions will re-examine their traditional relationship towards it if it becomes a loser for their third time.

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Race row teacher tells of her tears

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

An impassioned attack was launched on Brent council at the National Union of Teachers' conference yesterday by the head teacher it suspended for three months over an alleged racist remark.

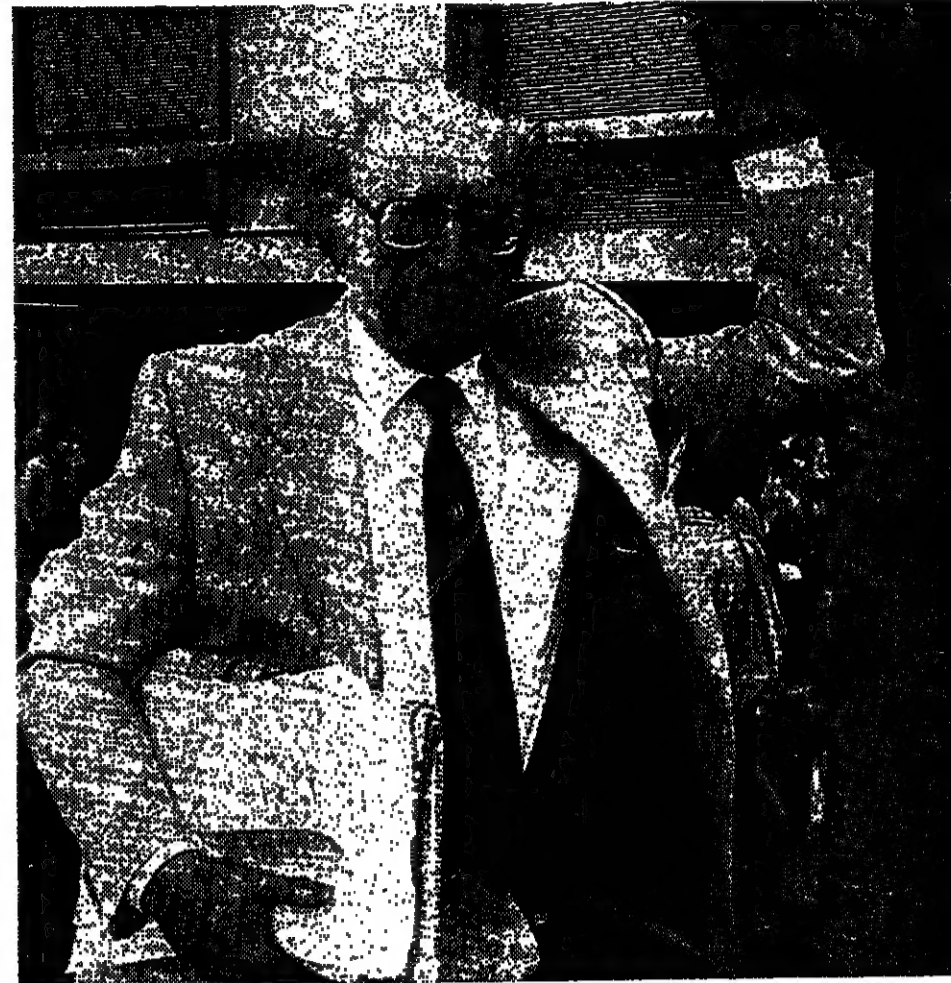
Miss Maureen McGoldrick told the conference: "You saw the headlines, you heard the news — race-row head, racist head, I saw, I listened, and I wept."

Mrs Kawal Singh, an Asian teacher and governor at Miss McGoldrick's school in north London, told delegates that the head had been made a sacrificial lamb by the council.

They were speaking against a move by far-left London teachers to censure union officials for giving fuel to the right-wing rubbishing of anti-racist policies such as those pursued by Brent.

In effect, Miss McGoldrick persuaded the union to deliver a vote of no confidence in Brent's racist policy, a policy the NUT agrees with entirely.

Mr Ray Sirotkin, a teacher from Lambeth, south London, claimed that many black and Asian teachers had voiced concern over statements made by NUT officials, especially a comment by Mr John Poole, Brent divisional secretary, that the desire to eradicate racism in Brent schools was turning into McCarthyism.



Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, outside the union's conference yesterday after a bomb warning forced delegates to leave the hall (Photograph: Alan Waller).

Miss McGoldrick said: "I spent last summer in a state of shock and disbelief. Shock because I was to be disciplined over an alleged remark which was against all that I believe in or have worked for." She felt total disbelief, she said, when she knew that she had not made any such remark, but she was to be

suspended without warning. She said: "The nightmare only came to an end after the threat of strike action by other teachers in my support."

The conference voted overwhelmingly against the move to censure the union officials. The conference also voted to continue its half-day strikes

around the country in joint action with the second largest teaching union, the Schoolmasters and Women Teachers.

In a card vote the executive of the 205,000 strong union came within just over ten thousand votes of being forced to step up industrial action by its militant left-wing.

Hypocrisy attack on union job bar

By Staff Reporters

The Department of Employment yesterday accused the Scottish TUC of being "foolish and hypocritical" in deciding to withdraw co-operation from the Government's new job training scheme.

The decision at the Scottish TUC's annual conference in Perth was taken in spite of a plea by Mr John Randall of the Civil Service Union. He said that for unions not to co-operate would be to abdicate responsibility.

"You owe it to the unemployed to try to ensure they are not exploited. We can only do that by trying to ensure that any government scheme, good or bad, is in an area where we have some influence."

But Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, said the scheme was a "hypocritical, unjust and iniquitous exercise designed to massage the jobless figures with cheap labour".

The decision sees Scottish TUC take a more confrontational stance than the TUC, which is to discuss the scheme with the Government.

The Department of Employment said: "It is totally unjustified to oppose a scheme which is designed to help the very people the trade unions purport to support."

Cruise missile talks attacked

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Recent talks between Britain and France about a possible joint cruise missile programme could lead to a big upgrading in the theatre nuclear weapons in Europe, a Labour MP claimed yesterday.

It is understood that Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, discussed a possible Anglo-French air-launched cruise missile when he met his counterpart, M. André Giraud, in Paris last month.

Britain does not have an immediate requirement for a new nuclear weapon for Tornado, but sources said yesterday that the existing free-fall nuclear weapons carried by Tornado were more than 20 years old and must be replaced. France was in a similar situation.

Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour defence spokesman, said yesterday that a cruise missile for Tornado, which had a mid-air refuelling capability, would introduce a powerful new theatre nuclear weapon.

He said plans for such a weapon "fell foul" of the current attempts by the United States and the Soviet Union to reach an agreement on nuclear missiles in Europe. The Tornado is armed with the WE177 free-fall gravity bomb which has to be either dropped over the target or "tossed" from a few miles away, making it vulnerable to sophisticated air defences.

But the cruise option, which could be based on the French missile, Air Sol a Moyenne Portée (ASMP), would give the Tornado launch it from as far back as 150 miles at high altitude or 70 miles at low altitude.

● The British company, GKN Defence, of Telford, Shropshire, has failed to win an order from the Greek government for its new Warrior mechanized combat vehicle, it was disclosed yesterday.

A company spokesman said Greece had decided to buy an adapted version of its existing armoured personnel carrier, built by Steyr of Austria.

Jury defies coroner over death

By Frances Gibbs
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A lorry driver may face prosecution over the death of a teenager under the wheels of his vehicle after an inquest yesterday returned a verdict of unlawful killing against the coroner's direction.

The highly unusual verdict was brought in after nearly two hours by a ten to one majority, in spite of the fact that Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner, said the appropriate verdicts would be misadventure or accidental death.

Mr Michael Delaney, aged 19, an unemployed builder's labourer, of Highbury Gardens, Ilford, north-east London, was killed after he attacked the TNT lorry on its way from the News International plant at Wapping, east London, in January. The lorry was driven by Mr Robert Higgins whose address was given as his employer's Bristol depot.

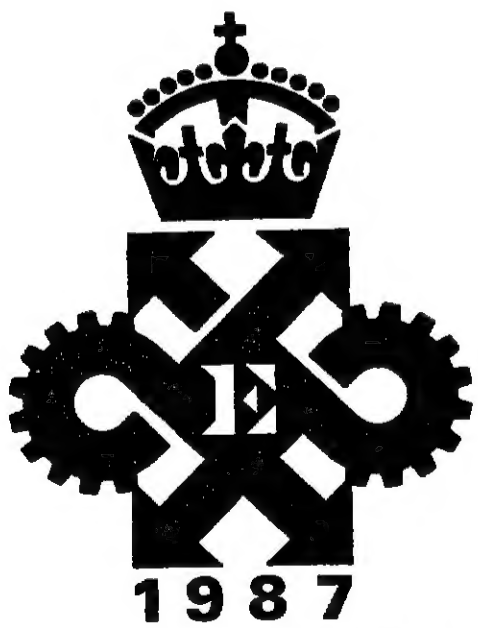
Juries occasionally bring in verdicts against the coroner's direction. But verdicts of unlawful killing are usually made in cases where the assailant is unknown or dead. Coroners' courts are normally precluded from bringing in verdicts which appear to determine criminal liability. Coroners must adjourn the proceedings and submit the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions if evidence appears to disclose an offence.

Scotland Yard said yesterday that the papers would now be returned to the Crown Prosecution Service which had already decided against prosecution. They will decide if there should, after all, be criminal proceedings.

After the inquest Mr Roy Minocoff, the Delaney family solicitor, said the verdict showed the jury did not accept the evidence from the lorry driver that Mr Delaney chased the lorry and slipped on ice. "We got the right verdict", he said.

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Top pair increase chess lead

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov (USSR), and grandmaster Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) have increased their grip on the SWIFT tournament in Brussels.

Kasparov outplayed Bent Larsen (Denmark) in a whirlwind time-scramble and at one point the world champion had two queens on the board. Larsen resigned when one rook in arrears.

Ljubojevic beat the Soviet defender, Victor Korchnoi. Score, after round eight: Kasparov, Ljubojevic 6½ points; Korchnoi, Tal 5; Timman, Karpov 4½ plus one adjourned; Larsen 4½; Torre 3; Van der Wiel 2½ plus one adjourned; Short 2; Winants 1½ plus one adjourned; Meulders ½.

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6 B4	Nc6	28 Bx6	A3
7 Bg2	Bx7	29 Bc1	Rd
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9 Bc3	C4	31 Bx3	Qx2
10 Nc5	E6	32 Qx5	A2
11 Qx4	A5	33 B5	Bx7
12 Nxc6	Bx6	34 Qxh3	Bx6
13 B3	Rb8	35 B6	Rd3
14 Bx4	Rb4	36 Qx5	A1Q
15 Qd1	Rx4	37 Nc7	Bx7
16 Nc4	Bx5	38 Qxh3	Bx6
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Bishops 'need new access to Lords'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

There would be "important advantages" to the church if bishops sat in the House of Lords as life peers and ceased to have their seats as of right, the Bishop of Rochester, Dr David Say, says in a letter to *The Times* today.

Dr Say is the longest serving and most active bishop in the Lords, and an authority on church-state matters.

His proposal could well lead to a review of the present constitutional arrangement whereby the 26 most senior diocesan bishops automatically take seats in the Lords.

Because of that provision, Mr James Callaghan, as Prime Minister, insisted in 1976 on retention of prime ministerial discretion over the appointment of diocesan bishops.

Commenting on the leading article in *The Times* last week on the recent appointment of the Rt Rev Mark Santer as Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Say endorses its suggestion that the church "negotiate the bishops out of their official seats" to eliminate the Prime Minister's role in episcopal appointments.

Dr Say adds it would take the evolution of the House a stage further if leaders of other denominations were offered life peerages, and it would remove an impediment to the Church of England appointing its own leadership.

The issue of the Prime Minister's role was reopened recently by Mrs Margaret Thatcher's selection of the church's second choice for Birmingham.

When it has been suggested

that such a prominent non-Anglican churchman as Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, should be offered a life peerage, he has let it be known that he is not enthusiastic, and it has been pointed out that the present Pope discourages clergy from taking secular political office.

● Supporters of the ordination of women have decided to make gradually more public their hitherto clandestine services of Holy Communion.

To mark the change in tactics, a service was held in a room next door to the ecumenical chaplaincy chapel at Queen Mary's College, London University, on Easter Day.

It attracted about 80 people and was conducted by the Rev Suzanne Fagot, a priest in the diocese of Chicago in Britain researching a doctorate.

The church authorities had insisted that it should not be held in the chapel itself.

There have been a number of such services in churches, but they have not been advertised.

A celebration of Holy Communion by a visiting women priest in Church House, Westminster, last year during the annual meeting of the Movement for the Ordination of Women, remains the leading example. The movement was banned from holding more meetings there.

● On May 1, the Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Rev Robert Hardy, will ordain 27 women as deacons in Lincoln Cathedral.

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Jobless join DHSS strikers on picket

By Roland Rudd

Unemployed workers joined thousands of striking Civil Servants picketing closed DHSS and Employment offices in Yorkshire, Humberside and the North-east yesterday.

In Tyne and Wear 1,600 out of 1,700 workers supported the strike, while 90 per cent of staff at Teesside social security offices were on the picket line, according to the unions.

The claimants' support for the Civil and Public Services

Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants will help union leaders to rebuff government allegations that they have targeted the most vulnerable sector in society.

In a move to counter those allegations a glossy leaflet, produced by Epic Communications, is being handed out by pickets outside closed social security offices.

CPSA officials were saying yesterday that they were "amazed and very encouraged" by public sup-

port for their Campaign for a better Civil Service.

Meanwhile, union leaders accused the police yesterday of exceeding their powers to weaken the strike. Police at Sheffield West DHSS told pickets that only six people were allowed outside the office. When they attempted to demonstrate on the opposite side of the road, police warned strikers that they were in breach of the new Public Order Act.

● London's main magistrates

courts at Horseferry Road and Highbury Corner were badly affected yesterday by a lightning 24-hour strike by Civil Servants. Six magistrates at Horseferry Road were sent home as two of the six courtrooms were closed because there was no staff to man them.

Members of the Society of Civil and Public Servants and the Civil and Public Servants Association at London's magistrates courts are in dispute over an 8 per cent rise they say is nine months overdue.

Prison hospital unit guards Aids carriers from their cellmates

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new hospital unit is being opened at a prison partly to protect Aids carriers from the other inmates.

The 12-bed £250,000 unit, will be developed at Brixton Prison hospital, south London.

Dr John Kilgour, director of Prison Medical Services, says in the official *Prison Service News*: "Other people don't need protection from Aids carriers, but they may need safeguarding from people who don't understand the nature of the disease."

It would also protect them from catching everyday infections. Facilities for treatment of prisoners with the Aids virus were also being earmarked at many other establishments where support, such as counselling by medical staff, psychologists and chaplains, could be given.

The *Times* disclosed on April 8 that the number of carriers of Aids antibodies in prisons in England and Wales had been grossly underestimated. Dr Kilgour said then that, while there were 45 recorded carriers in the prison system, the reality could be

250, "give or take a hundred." Between 20 and 25 prisoners classed as HIV antibody positive are in special accommodation or hospital rooms. A similar number are housed normally.

A former prisoner told *The Times* there would be physical retribution if the Aids prisoner was suffering from a disease through homosexuality and he was allowed to mingle with the rest of the population.

Dr Kilgour believes that many people in prison who suspect they may have Aids are not coming forward for the test because they fear the consequences of identification, he told *Prison Service News*.

He added: "These people should not be so fearful about discrimination against them, because our education campaign is geared to dispelling incorrect assumptions about how Aids is spread."

He said that the term "isolation unit" was inappropriate because "we want to dispel any dramatic overtones which might make people regard it as if it were something medically

unusual. Its real purpose would be to provide support and protection for many kinds of physical and mental disturbance."

Hairdressers are being encouraged to apply for a licence showing they follow a code of precautions against Aids infection (Our Science Correspondent writes).

The National Hairdressers' Federation agreed a code of Aids hygiene at their annual conference in Dundee yesterday.

The licence system is voluntary. The use of electro-acupuncture, in which low-voltage electrical pulses are transmitted through needles inserted into the skin, could be of some help to Aids sufferers, according to "alternative medicine" researchers in Liverpool.

A few patients with the disease have overcome symptoms such as weight loss after the treatment, Mr Ian Ward-Baskin, designer of the technique, who is technical director of the International Society of Biophysical Medicine, said yesterday.

Lake girl mystery

Knots expert helps in hunt

By Stuart Tendler

One of Britain's leading experts on knots was consulted last night by detectives investigating the strange death of Miss Shani Warren, the secretary aged 26 found floating bound and gagged in a Buckinghamshire lake.

The expert could be crucial in helping them decide the direction of their investigation. Detectives do not know whether they have a murder inquiry or a bizarre suicide.

The evidence increasingly suggests, however, that Miss Warren was the victim of an apparently motiveless murder.

Lengths of rope and wire recovered from Miss Warren's body when it was found last Saturday at Taplow were driven to London last night. Detectives hope the expert can say definitely whether Miss

Warren could have tied herself up and committed suicide by drowning in the lake.

They would not identify the expert, who has written a number of books and been evidence in other inquiries. His evidence will be weighed alongside fresh tests yesterday by a Home Office pathologist and forensic scientists.

Yesterday Miss Warren's parents issued a statement through their son, Stephen, saying that they did not believe their daughter could have killed herself.

Mr and Mrs Joseph and Elsie Warren, who live in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, said: "We know our daughter could not be responsible for taking her own life. Some other external influence was responsible."

Police say that if Miss Warren was murdered no sign

has yet been found of a struggle or marks on her body or sexual abuse. A post-mortem examination found no signs of alcohol but checks are being made for any sort of drug.

One sign that she could not have been contemplating suicide was given by the police when they revealed an Easter egg had been found in her car abandoned near the scene of her death. With the egg was a note showing that the girl planned to give it as a present to a friend over the weekend.

So far police know that Miss Warren was last seen shortly before 6pm on Good Friday. Her car was seen near the lake at 2am on Saturday morning. Her body was found at 7pm on Saturday evening. The post mortem placed the time of death some time before 7am on Saturday morning.

Tate fund looks to the rich

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

The Tate Gallery will seek help from wealthy patrons of the arts to acquire a Constable masterpiece, "The Opening of Waterloo Bridge", after failing to raise the necessary funds from a public appeal.

Mr Leslie Parris, the deputy keeper of the Tate's British collection, said yesterday that it was still more than £400,000 short of its target of £3 million. The public had contributed about £200,000 since the appeal was launched in January.

A deadline for securing the painting from a private collection, which expired on Monday, had been extended by one month, he said.

"Time is running out and we can no longer rely on small donations. We must now approach a few very rich people in the hope of saving this work for the nation."

If the appeal fails, the large oil on canvas is expected to attract foreign buyers at auction. Its market value is estimated at £4.5 million but it has been offered to the Tate at the tax-reduced price by Mrs A J Sheldon, of the Isle of Wight, who inherited it through the Massey Ferguson family.

A group of 17th century wall paintings said to be of outstanding national importance have been uncovered in a house in Cambridgeshire.

The paintings are to be restored at a cost of more than £10,000 largely covered by grants provided on condition that the owners of the building, Burford House, in Hildersham, open their home to visitors.

'Dead sea' threat as pollution grows

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Pollution is threatening to turn the North Sea into a "dead sea", claims a report published today by Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group.

The report states that marine life is under assault from a whole range of human activities including shipping, oil and gas exploitation, land reclamation, the prospective building of the Channel Tunnel, waste disposal, military activities, fishing and even recreational water sports.

On shipping, it says that, while serious tanker incidents command media attention, more insidious chronic pollution is caused by routine discharges and unintentional spillages or by hazardous cargoes being washed overboard. But it expresses particular concern about pollution from

the dumping of toxic wastes and the discharge of chemicals.

It also attacks the burning of waste material at sea and radioactive discharge from nuclear installations.

The report, which it is claimed was compiled from confidential information prepared by several countries bordering the North Sea, says that fish stocks are being seriously depleted by overfishing and disease.

At least three "black holes", where all life has been destroyed by de-oxygenation, have been discovered, the largest being the size of Wales. The report accuses the Government of refusing to take the same precautions as other countries. *The Tide Must Turn* (Greenpeace, 30-31 Islington Green, London N1 8XE, £2.95).

London nurses 'should get doubled weighting'

London weighting allowances for nurses should be increased to at least £2,000 to help solve the city's nurse recruitment crisis, a private nursing agency said yesterday (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

The Prime Minister will today consider recommendations from the Nurses' and Midwives' Pay Review Body for salary rises for the country's 450,000 nurses.

However Reed Nurse, London's largest nursing agency, said that a special case should be made for London to

avoid further cuts and closures.

The firm says that it is now unable to provide nurses for short-staffed wards in London hospitals because nurses are opting for better-paid jobs.

Last December it received 3,000 requests for nurses which it could not fill. Miss Mary Newham, director of Reed Nurse, said that nurses received only £930 London weighting compared with £2,000 for bank clerks.

"At the very least nurses in the capital must be paid London weighting in line with sectors of commerce".

Antarctic discovery

Prehistoric whale surfaces

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The complete skeleton of a killer whale 40 million years old has been uncovered by scientists in Antarctica.

It is the largest fossil to be collected from the continent. The bones, which weigh more than 15 tons, reveal a 30-foot long creature with a four-foot long skull and jaws lined with four-inch triangular teeth.

Scientists from the United States and New Zealand discovered the remains on Seymour Island, a rugged barren area near the top of the Antarctic peninsula, between the Weddell and Scotia Seas. The Washington-based National Science Foundation,

which funded the expedition, said the skeleton was probably a species of carnivorous whale, closely related to the ancestors of modern whales and dolphins.

The bones, which took 16 days to collect, have been sent to New Zealand for study. Later the skeleton will be shipped to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC.

The scientists also found the fossil of a six-foot tall, flightless bird with a sharp hooked beak, which was probably a fierce meat-eating predator. Researchers said the discoveries, together with a crocodile jaw, add to evidence that there

was once a land bridge connecting Antarctica with South America.

Remains of a 12,000-year-old human head excavated in Cheddar, Somerset, are probably those of a boy aged about 12, the Natural History Museum in Kensington, west London, said yesterday.

The findings, by museum scientists at Gough Cave, included the child's teeth, perfectly preserved and with no signs of decay. Animal remains found in the cave indicate that the child's family diet included wild horse, arctic hare, red deer and antelope.



Mr Ainslie, with other members of the board, Mr Neil Stevenson, Mr Andrew Stevenson, Mr David Stevenson and Mr Gordon Stewart.

Spinning a yarn of the £1m director

For a group of men reputed to be the highest paid directors in Britain, the five executives of Edinburgh Woollen Mills, the Dumfriesshire textile firm, were not a little unhappy yesterday.

The Growth Companies Register, which provides an insight into how well leading private companies are trading, claimed that the five board members at EWM earned a total of £3.9 million in 1985,

an average of £783,600 each.

But, yesterday while happy to pose for pictures, the five - Mr Jim Ainslie, finance director; Mr Neil Stevenson, manufacturing managing director; Mr Andrew Stevenson, chairman; Mr David Stevenson, group managing director and Mr Gordon Stewart, retail managing director - were at pains to point out that the figures were not all they seemed.

Mr David Stevenson said

that the survey was based on figures taken from a "freak" year when a large payment was made to a pension fund and then borrowed back in the form of a loan to reinvest in the company.

Far from pocketing the money, Mr Stevenson said, the five directors had taken less than £200,000 each and had ploughed the rest back into the company. He said the survey had not made them very

popular in the eyes of the workers and the local community.

The register was launched three years ago by Mr Roy Assersohn, former City editor of the *Daily Express*. Its objective is to point to strong candidates for a Stock Exchange listing. Mr Assersohn could not be contacted last night about his conclusion that Britain was fast approaching the first £1 million a year director of a private company.

Drink-drive blitz spreads to summer

By Daniel Ward Motor Industry Correspondent

The traditional Christmas publicity blitz against drink-driving is to be extended to the summer, when convictions are at their highest.

The Government intends to switch advertising money from other national road safety campaigns.

The drink-driving television, poster and newspaper advertising will account this year for the lion's share of the £3.6 million road safety bud-

get, compared with £1.5 million in 1986.

The Automobile Association welcomed the move, emphasizing that drink-driving is an all-year-round problem and that the new campaign would benefit all.

The Department of Transport recently transferred its advertising account and it is not clear how the new agency will follow last Christmas's slogan: "If you drink and drive you're a menace to society".

Last year £500,000 was

spent on the Christmas campaign.

The Government has supported only one spring drink-drive campaign.

Drinking is linked to the death of one in three drivers and motorcyclists and more than 1,100 road deaths each year.

The decision to concentrate money on this aspect of road safety is a tacit admission that national advertising on pedestrian awareness, seat belt wearing and cyclist safety have proved unsuccessful.

Portfolio Gold

Good news for winner on holiday

The sole winner of the first Portfolio Gold prize after the Easter break is a reader from Potters Bar, in Hertfordshire.

Mrs E Williams, of Heathfield Close, Little Heath, Potters Bar, won the full dividend and was able to break the good news of her £4,000 windfall to her mother, aged 90, with whom she was staying in Wales when she telephoned to claim her prize yesterday.

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Savile steps in to aid crippled Lebanese boy

Jimmy Savile, the disc jockey and television presenter, said yesterday that he will pay to bring a Lebanese boy to England for medical treatment (Our Media Correspondent writes).

Mr Savile announced the move on the *Breakfast* television programme on BBC while appearing with Dr Pauline Cutting, the British physician who spent five months helping besieged residents of the Bouja al-Barajneh refugee camp.

He said: "Pauline has got this paraplegic boy. We've got a hospital. I've got a few quid sloshing around. Put it all together, we'll make a business and do something."

He had heard about the plight of Bilal Shabbih, aged seven, on a news broadcast. The boy's spinal cord was severed by a bullet and he is confined to a wheelchair.

He hoped that the boy could be treated at the orthopaedic unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Mr Savile has been a long-time patron of the hospital. "Stoke Mandeville is the world centre for spinal injuries and if we can't do anything there it's not a lot anybody else can do," he said.

Dr Cutting has launched an appeal for funds for other children wounded during the siege of the camp.

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*MONTHLY PAYMENT £7.50

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*MONTHLY PAYMENT £10.00

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*MONTHLY PAYMENT £12.50

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IRA turns back to the gun after its disaster in election

By Richard Ford

The upsurge in Provisional IRA violence across Northern Ireland is being linked by security forces with the poor showing of the group's political wing in the Irish Republic's General Election.

The latest victim, RUC Inspector David Ead, was shot in the back of the head at the seaside resort of Newcastle, Co Down, on Monday night. In a similar attack in the resort of Portrush, County Antrim nine days ago, two police reservists died.

Inspector Ead, aged 38, was on foot patrol when two masked gunmen shot him at close range in Newcastle, which, like Portrush, enjoys the nearest thing Northern Ireland knows to normal policing.

Mr Ead, married with two daughters aged 11 and nine, was originally from Plymouth, Devon.

By attacking in towns such as Portrush and Newcastle, which have good community relations and have remained largely untouched by the worst of the troubles, the terrorists hope to create sectarian tension.

The terrorists are also taking advantage of the growing number of police officers in

The first meeting of the Anglo-Irish Ministerial conference since Mr Charles Haughey returned to power is expected to be held in Belfast later this week.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, will co-chair a meeting with Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at which cross-border security, joint economic projects and the relationship between the security forces and the nationalist community will be discussed.

Although Mr Haughey has effectively abandoned his pledge to renegotiate the agreement, lingering doubts remain about the commitment of the new Irish Government to its workings.

The meeting will provide an indication of the priorities of Dublin under the deal, which gives the Republic a consultative role in Northern Ireland.

The Province who now walk beats. They shoot them in the neck or head, as all RUC officers wear bullet-proof vests.

The Provisional IRA has killed 11 members of the security forces this year. A number of men jailed for

terrorist charges on the word of informers have been released on appeal and are suspected of becoming re-involved in terrorism.

A new officer commanding the Belfast brigade of the Provisionals was appointed last year with the order to "produce results". The subsequent campaign has involved murder and a renewal of commercial bombing in the city.

The terrorists are having less success along the South Armagh border, where a new line of fortified watch towers has been built, enabling troops to move more freely and observe over a wider area.

Sir John Hermon, the RUC Chief Constable, blamed the recent increase in IRA activity on the group's poor showing in the Irish Republic's General Election last February.

Sean McKinley, aged 25, from the Divis flats in west Belfast, was remanded in custody until Friday when he appeared at Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of murdering a soldier three weeks ago. Private Ian O'Connor, aged 23, from Preston, Lancashire, was killed when the Provisional IRA bombed an army mobile patrol in the Divis flats.

East points West at the Tower



Mrs Suga Yang (second from right), one of 35 newly-qualified London tourist guides, showing three visitors the way to the Tower of London yesterday. Mrs Yang, who is Korean, took time off from the presentation of the guides' coveted "blue badges" of office at Tower Bridge yesterday to put the trio, (left to right) Hugo Van Benthem, Paul Hilt and Gerald Van Zotphen, all from The Netherlands, on the right path. She and her colleagues have

completed courses run by the London Tourist Board, and will work for tour operators and agents. Their six months of part-time training emphasized giving help in minority languages.

(Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Drinkers develop a taste for water

By Mark Ellis

Drinkers are switching to soft and low-alcohol products from beers and spirits.

The change in habits has been caused by a greater awareness of health issues and more cosmopolitan tastes, according to the latest annual review of drinking habits.

Mineral water, fruit juices and health and low-alcohol drinks are growing in popularity and are expected to increase their share of sales of a market worth £19.6 billion in Britain last year, by more than 27 per cent up to 1990.

The third edition of *UK Drinking Habits*, says: "UK consumers are more discerning and more cosmopolitan in their outlook than they were 20, even 10 years ago."

Ale, stout, whisky and concentrated soft drinks have lost ground to wines and lagers.

UK Drinking Habits, Market Review, published by Key Note Publications, from ICC, 28-42 Banner Street, London, EC1Y 8QE (£2.25).

Action on Alcohol Abuse will urge Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Social Services, tomorrow to set up a Royal Commission to examine the nation's drinking. The group says that alcohol-related problems account for one in four of all male admissions to general hospitals.

MP angry over axed TV series

By Our Arts Correspondent

The Home Secretary has been asked to investigate the rejection of a religious series by Channel Four.

Sir Peter Mills, Conservative MP for Torridge and West Devon, has protested to Mr Douglas Hurd that the decision is unacceptable.

The series of 12 half-hour programmes, *Jesus, Then and Now*, was commissioned by the Trinity Trust, an ecumenical organization. It has already been screened on Welsh Channel Four.

Sir Peter, chairman of the Christian Fellowship in the Commons, said: "It is not a minority religious view, it is a good statement about the basic faith of the Church of England gospel."

"I cannot understand why they have rejected it. It is true it may need some technological adjustment to bring it up to standard, but this they would do anyway."

The series includes contributions from Mother Teresa, Cliff Richard, the singer, and Lord Tony Pandy, former Speaker in the Commons.

Channel Four said it failed to meet standards set for inclusion in the 50 hours available for religion annually.

"We try in our programmes to explore religious beliefs and topics, rather than provide straightforward expositions of them."

'Blockade' on listed building

By Gavin Bell

The owner of a Georgian mansion designed by the architect who built the White House in Washington claims it is being "blockaded" by his neighbours.

Mr David Pinnegar is restoring Hammerwood Park House, in East Sussex, with the help of English Heritage, the historic buildings commission.

He says that legal action brought by his neighbours has resulted in restricted public access to the grade-one listed building.

The High Court has upheld complaints from local residents who said that visitors to the eighteenth-century mansion were causing a nuisance by driving along a narrow country lane, which was its only access. Mr Pinnegar was ordered to pay the £66,000 in costs.

He said that about 3,000 people visited the house on 88 open days between Easter and September each year but it would now open for only 52 days.

"The ruling is a very serious blow to our national heritage", he said.

He said his neighbours had purchased adjoining land to block moves to build an alternative access.

Hammerwood Park is one of only two buildings in England to be designed by Benjamin Latrobe.

Government likely to back new cancer test

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An impoverished charity is likely to receive Government support for the first time in its five-year campaign to develop an early test for cancer.

The organization, Quest for a Test for Cancer, was founded by Mrs Jean Pitt with her own savings in 1982 after the death of her son from stomach cancer.

The charity has since developed a technique which its researchers believe can detect some forms of the disease at an earlier stage than present methods. However a shortage of funds has meant that essential clinical trials cannot take place.

The Department of Health and Social Security has now offered to consider ways in which further evaluation of the test could be supported.

Mrs Pitt said yesterday: "This could be what we have been waiting five years for. It is one of the most encouraging signs of Government interest we have ever had."

The test is aimed at identifying pre-cancerous changes in human cells. The research has been concentrating on cervical cancer, which claims more than 2,000 lives a year among British women.

Dr Andrew Sincok, the charity's research director, said yesterday: "We have good evidence to suggest the test could also be applied to cancer of the breast and lung. What we need now is a clinical trial involving thousands of women to assess the accuracy of the test in cervical cancer."

"I am very optimistic about getting support from the Department of Health. All we want is for our method to be given a fair evaluation by experts."

The test seeks to identify pre-cancer in apparently normal cells with the use of a staining technique. A machine called an integrating microdensitometer then scans the nuclei and evaluates whether the cells are pre-cancerous. So far it has been applied to cervical and breast samples from about 500 women. According to Dr Sincok, the technique has shown an accuracy of more than 90 per cent.

The Department has written to Dr Sincok, a senior research fellow at the Middlesex Hospital, London, inviting him to discuss the test with senior medical officers.

Strawberry invasion

The English strawberry, traditionally associated with great sporting events such as Ascot, Wimbledon and Henley, where it commands exorbitant prices, is in danger of being upstaged by a Spanish invasion (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

Out-of-season strawberries have, in the past, been a still more expensive luxury, but now Spanish berries are in the shops for as little as 50p a half pound.

Spanish strawberry production has doubled in the past seven years, reaching an estimated 200,000 tonnes this year, making it the largest in the EEC.

Most of the fruit is grown in the Huelva region west of Seville, and the rapid expansion reflects Spain's determination to exploit the hot climate of the southern part of the country to become the dominant fruit and vegetable producer in Europe.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Spain qualifies its Nato role

Madrid — Spain will refuse to take part in Nato military exercises where either the operational or tactical command of the forces comes under Gibraltar. Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister, told Parliament yesterday (Richard Wigg writes).

However, Spain will be making an exception of Nato's GIBED Command, held by a British admiral, to underline its sovereignty dispute with Britain over the Rock.

Señor Serra, who was taking part in a defence debate, long-pressed by the Opposition to find out what the Socialist Government's plans are regarding Nato, insisted that no Spanish troops will be placed under an allied command.

Apart from Gibraltar, Spain will participate in Nato manoeuvres wherever they confirm zones of strategic interest to Spain, the minister added.

£5m for casinos

Madrid — A gap in Spanish law means the Government may have to repay £5 million to the country's casinos after a decision by the Constitutional Court that fines exacted for various infringements under a 1979 Ministerial Decree (Richard Wigg writes).

The Franco regime had banned casinos, but since democracy Spain has become one of the US and the Philippines, one of the principle gambling nations of the world.

Bishops' mission

Athens — The Orthodox Church of Greece dispatched four bishops to Istanbul to consult the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople on the Government's law confiscating monastic land (Mario Modiano writes).

Bishop Chrysostomos of Demetrias said the church was considering reunion with the Ecumenical Patriarchate, from which it seceded in 1850. Patriarchal property in Greece is exempt from seizure.

Demjanjuk evidence

Jerusalem — The signatures of two German officers on the alleged 1942 SS identity card of Mr John Demjanjuk are not forgeries, Mr Amnon Bezalet told the war crimes trial here when it resumed after a 10-day break (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Bezalet, a police identity card expert, went through the signatures letter by letter, pointing out similarities between them and those on 15 other documents signed by the same officers. The identity card had been signed rapidly, he said, and it would have been totally impossible for these similarities to have been reproduced at speed by a forger.

The card is a key piece of prosecution evidence in its attempt to prove that Mr Demjanjuk is "Ivan the Terrible", the mass executioner of Treblinka death camp.

Strange journey

Sanrise, Florida (AP) — Bewildered four-year-old Rachel Rausser, right, being her long trip to New Jersey into the custody of her step-mother.

Her father had allegedly tried to sell Rachel to her aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs Gary Stern.



Girl's story confirmed

Santiago — A report by Chile's uniformed police, published in the opposition magazine *Hoy* yesterday, confirms Señora Carmen Gloria Quintana's version of how she and a Chilean-American, Señor Rodrigo Rojas were soaked with petrol and burned alive in July last year (Lake Sagaris writes).

It directly contradicts the army's official version, supported by secret police, that the burning was Señora Quintana's fault and may lead to a new indictment. Lieutenant Pedro Fernandez is accused of negligence.

Human rights lawyers have discovered bones of about 14 bodies, believed to belong to people executed after the 1973 military coup. After being shot, the victims were apparently blown to pieces with dynamite, then mixed with garbage and dumped in the desert.

Louisa's Rock home

Gibraltar — A five month old heifer, Louisa, whose deportation was decided by a Gibraltar Cabinet meeting, has captured the imagination of the newspapers (Dominique Seale writes). Two Spaniards brought Louisa across the frontier unaware they were breaking local regulations.

Although rumour has it she was intended for a barbecue, cold feet left Louisa at the home of Mr Guy Olivero, a business man and animal lover whose family have a large home on the upper Rock. Health officials say the animal should be removed or destroyed within a fortnight.

South Africa's simmering political violence claims more victims

One killed, 60 injured in barracks blast

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

A black police recruit was killed and at least 60 others were injured in a grenade attack yesterday on a training barracks in Soweto. A bomb demolished a car in a white suburb, but no one was injured.

The attack on the police barracks at Tledi, in Soweto, came as two platoons of recruits, each 36 strong, marched to a parade ground for a morning drill session.

According to the Government's Bureau of Information, the grenade was lobbed over a security fence

into the middle of the marching squads by men who raced off in a white pick-up truck.

One man was killed instantly, four were seriously hurt and the others suffered less severe injuries, the Bureau said. But independent observers last night expressed doubts that a single grenade could have caused so much carnage.

Several hours after the Soweto incident, a luxury car was destroyed by a bomb outside a hire firm's showroom in the Johannesburg suburb of Langlaagte. Nobody was hurt and it was not immediately clear if the attack was aimed at the

hire company, or was related to a strike by black railwaymen in which more than 60 railway coaches have been set ablaze.

The six-week strike by between 18,000 and 22,000 railwaymen appeared to be collapsing yesterday.

The state-run South African Transport Services (Sats) said it would negotiate with the strikers' representatives but not with the militant South African Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sahwu), which it refuses to recognize.

Mr Bart Grove, the General Manager of Sats, has warned that

strikers who do not return to work by today will be sacked.

● Slovo resigns: The African National Congress confirmed yesterday that the chief of staff of its military wing, Mr Joe Slovo, has resigned his post because of his recent appointment as Secretary-General of the South African Communist Party (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The decision was made after the Communist Party wrote to the ANC leader, Mr Oliver Tambo, earlier this year requesting him to relieve Mr Slovo of his duties so that he could concentrate on political work.

However, Mr Slovo, the only white

member of the ANC's national executive committee, will retain his seat on the committee.

● TOKYO: Mr Tambo has appealed to the Government of Japan to cut off all trade with South Africa and to press the Western industrial nations to take stronger action when they meet in Venice in June (David Watts writes from Tokyo).

Yesterday, on the first day of a week-long visit to Japan, Mr Tambo said that he had explained to the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, that the trip was seen as very important by the people of Southern Africa.

Reactions to Algiers meeting

Arafat policy changes accepted with good grace in Arab capitals

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Mr Yasser Arafat's decision in Algiers to abandon his two-year-old agreement with Jordan but maintain his relationship with Egypt has brought tolerant and friendly replies from both nations. And Syria, which has most to lose from the new-found unity of the Palestine Liberation Organization, yesterday gave not the slightest hint of its irritation with the PLO leader for persuading the two prominent pro-Syrian Palestinian leaders to throw in their lot with him once again.

The Syrians realize that the Soviet Union is as anxious as ever to unify the PLO before promoting an international conference on the Middle East, and President Assad is scheduled to travel to Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders before the end of the month.

Even before Dr George Habbash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Mr Nayef Hawatreh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine reconciled themselves to Mr Arafat's leadership, Colonel

Abu Moussa, the PLO commander who mutinied against Mr Arafat in 1983 and now lives in Damascus, was criticizing the PLO chief's apparent moderation.

The extremist group led by Abu Nidal, which has killed some of Mr Arafat's closest advisers over the past six years, was equally silent. Its office in Damascus, which President Assad once described as a "bureau for cultural affairs", chose to issue no statements condemning the man whom it once referred to as "the betrayer of the Palestinian people".

King Hussein of Jordan has always found Mr Arafat a frustrating man to deal with, but his Government responded with considerable patience to the PLO decision to abandon the agreement between the two for the Jordanians to negotiate for the return of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr Taher Musti, the Foreign Minister, said Jordan remained committed to a PLO role in peace negotiations and

that "the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization are a main, integral part of that process".

An official Jordanian Government spokesman said later that it "would not allow the PLO executive committee's decision... to become an obstacle in the face of Arab efforts to reach a just and peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict within the framework of an international Middle East peace conference".

President Mubarak of Egypt sent a formal message of support to Mr Arafat.

● ALGIERS: The Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian Parliament in exile, met in a second session yesterday to discuss a new strategy for the reunited PLO. The morning session was devoted to speeches by foreign delegates, in which Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary were to express support for the PLO and unity moves among its hitherto feuding factions. The discussion was then scheduled to move to future PLO policy.



Karl Linas, who faces a Soviet death sentence for war crimes, at Kennedy airport in New York yesterday before being put on a plane to Prague.

Reagan 'optimistic but realistic' on arms

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan told Republican congressional leaders yesterday that he was "optimistic but realistic" about the prospects of success in negotiations with the Soviet Union on eliminating intermediate-range missiles from Europe.

Moscow was giving "every appearance of wanting to move ahead," he said. "But there is a lot of fine print to be worked out. We will watch it very closely."

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, joined Mr Reagan and the congressmen and explained the main areas of his talks in Moscow: bilateral relations, including es-

pionage; human rights, including Jewish emigration; regional issues, with the focus on Afghanistan; and arms control.

Mr Reagan and Mr Shultz will meet today to review the results so far of consultations with the allies on Moscow's proposals for eliminating medium and short-range missiles from Europe. There is a strong sentiment in Administration circles in favour of a global elimination of shorter-range weapons rather than an accord permitting the West and the Soviet Union to hold an equal number of shorter-range weapons in Europe.

Russians hopeful on arms treaty

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Prospects for "a drastic turn for the better in international relations" were underlined by Mr Alexei Obukhov, the Soviet arms negotiator, on his arrival from Moscow yesterday for the new round of arms talks with the US, which open formally tomorrow.

He said Moscow "favours immediate conclusion" of a treaty on eliminating medium-range missiles (INF) in Europe in accordance with the Reykjavik formula, and such a treaty was possible this year.

He said the presentation of a Soviet draft treaty was imminent. A US draft has already been tabled.

Moscow also wanted to link the treaty with an agreement on "operational-tactical" missiles, so that "in a few months or within about a year" the whole of that category could be removed.

He described the recent Soviet initiatives as an example of "new political thinking", opening the way to "lowering the level of military confrontation on the continents" and fully in keeping with the interests of all countries.

"It is necessary to make use of the emerging opportunities and to work vigorously with a desire to look for and quickly find mutually acceptable solutions for putting an end to military rivalry and radically lowering the level of nuclear confrontation," Mr Obukhov said.

He also emphasized Moscow's "assumption" that an early INF accord would at once lead to an agreement on "key provisions" relating to strategic arms and issues arising from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM).

In the Soviet view, he said, there was "indispensable linkage" between strategic weapons and compliance to the ABM treaty. On this, "compromise solutions" were proposed last week to Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, in Moscow.

"All this creates a promising basis for constructive progress," Mr Obukhov concluded. "We are entitled to reciprocity from the US side."

Cyprus gunmen 'threw grenade at Land Rover'

By Nicholas Beeston

Ballistic experts probing the shooting of two Britons in an Army Land Rover in Cyprus now believe that the two masked gunmen responsible used Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifles and threw a grenade at the vehicle.

The type of weapons used would increase the probability that the attackers belong to an Arab terrorist organization, although British and Cypriot authorities would not say yesterday if their joint investigation into Monday's ambush had made any headway.

Diplomats in Cyprus believe the shooting may have been inspired by the first anniversary of the raid on Libya last year by US aircraft flying from bases in Britain.

"The attack happened on the busy Nicosia-Limassol highway so there are a number of witnesses," said a senior

police source in Limassol.

"We have found grenade fragments near the area of attack, but the explosion missed the car," he added. "We do not want to reveal too much at this stage because it might help the attackers."

Corporal John Bailey, aged 35, and his passenger, Miss Linda Wilkinson, aged 15, the daughter of a warrant officer, were wounded when the two masked assailants opened fire from a white Japanese car.

Corporal Bailey was discharged from the Princess Mary RAF hospital at Akrotiri with leg injuries, but Miss Wilkinson, who was shot in the back, is still in hospital in a "stable" condition.

British forces on the island have been put on alert and Cypriot authorities have increased security at ports and the country's airport.

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Alfonsín reasserts control over Army

From Eduardo Cae, Buenos Aires

President Alfonsín has moved to reassert control over the Argentine military by naming Brigadier-General José Dante Caridi the Army Chief of Staff and forcing the retirement of 10 generals and other senior officers implicated in last weekend's military rebellion.

The appointment of a new Army chief just one day after the end of the insurrection that shook this country's three-year-old democracy was seen here as the first step in what is expected to be a thorough-going reorganization of the armed forces.

Informal sources said that all high-ranking officers who lost even partial control of their own loyalty to the President was questionable would be forced into retirement.

In another development, the Córdoba Federal Appeals Court has suspended for 10 days further hearings in its

investigation into human rights violations by military officers.

The suspension, which has been requested by the Attorney-General, Señor Juan Octavio Gauna, was evidently an attempt to defuse the tense political climate. Last week's crisis was sparked by Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro's refusal to appear before the Córdoba court.

Two captains had been scheduled to appear before the tribunal yesterday. There have been strong indications that they would refuse to do so, raising the possibility of another dangerous confrontation between civilian and military authorities.

However, a Federal Appeals Court in Bahia Blanca, south of Buenos Aires, is continuing its investigation of human rights violations.

General Caridi, who had been serving as Inspector-General of the Army, succeeds



General Caridi: 'assuming a tremendous responsibility'.

General Hector Rios Erené, whose retirement was announced on Sunday, just hours after the end of the confrontation.

His removal had been one of the main demands of more than 100 rebellious officers who occupied a military academy west of Buenos Aires for three days. The siege ended only after President Alfonsín flew to the base and personally ordered the men to surrender.

"I am assuming a tremendous responsibility at a very difficult moment for our institution," General Caridi told reporters late on Monday night following his appointment.

By naming General Caridi to the top Army post, President Alfonsín avoided the appointment of any of the men suggested to him during his meeting with the rebellious officers on Sunday.

However, with the euphoria caused by the end of the crisis waning, scepticism is being expressed here over the consistent claims by the Government that it had not negotiated with the insurgents.

Walesa's memoirs smuggled into print

From Diana Geddes Paris

A French publishing house, Fayard, has gained the world publishing rights to the memoirs of Mr Lech Walesa, the former leader of the outlawed Polish trade union, Solidarity, and winner of the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize.

The 600-page book, titled *Le Chemin de l'Espoir* (The Path of Hope), will be on sale in France from tomorrow.

M Claude Durand, managing director of Fayard, which has been the world agent for Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn since 1974, yesterday said the hitherto secret publication of the Walesa book had been his most difficult "adventure" to date, requiring the continuous smuggling of individual pages and chapters of the book back and forth between France and Poland over a whole year.

The draft text, written by Mr Walesa in collaboration with two friends, arrived in France in Polish. After being trans-

lated into French, it was thoroughly edited by M Durand himself, before being sent secretly back to Gdańsk for retranslation into Polish and final vetting by Mr Walesa. Some 40 people were involved in the smuggling process.

Asked how he had managed to secure the world publishing rights when it was known that talks were going on with American publishers, M Durand said he had sent a "visiting card" to Mr Walesa in the form of three works recently published by Fayard: Solzhenitsyn's last book, a collection of the Pope's speeches as a young man, and the works of Czesław Miłosz, the 1980 Nobel Prize winner for literature.

Half a dozen foreign translations of the Walesa book are already being prepared for publication this autumn, including one in English by Collins. A Polish version is due to be published either here or through underground publishers in Poland itself.

An extended television interview with

Mr Walesa, carried out secretly in Gdańsk last January by Bernard Pivot, France's leading literary critic, is due to be shown on French television on Friday night.

Mr Walesa begins his memoirs with a description of his childhood, but devotes the bulk of the book to a detailed account of his activity as a trade union leader, starting with the historic strike at the Gdańsk shipyards in 1980 and the birth of Solidarity.

It had been hoped that Mr Walesa would be able to come to France for the launch of the book, but when his factory refused to allow him time off to go to Italy to address trade unionists on April 25, Fayard decided to advance the date of publication, originally planned for May 1.

M Durand said he had learnt by telephone yesterday morning that Mr Walesa had already received a copy of the book and was "extremely happy" with it.

US film stars to join Soviet peace march

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

More than a dozen film stars, including Catherine Deneuve, Martin Sheen and his son, Emilio Estevez, will make up a 200-strong American contingent who will join 200 Soviet citizens in June to march from Leningrad to Moscow as a demonstration of opposition to the arms race.

The unprecedented walk, patterned on last year's Los Angeles to Washington peace march, is sponsored jointly by the Soviet Peace Committee and the California-based International Peace Walk Inc.

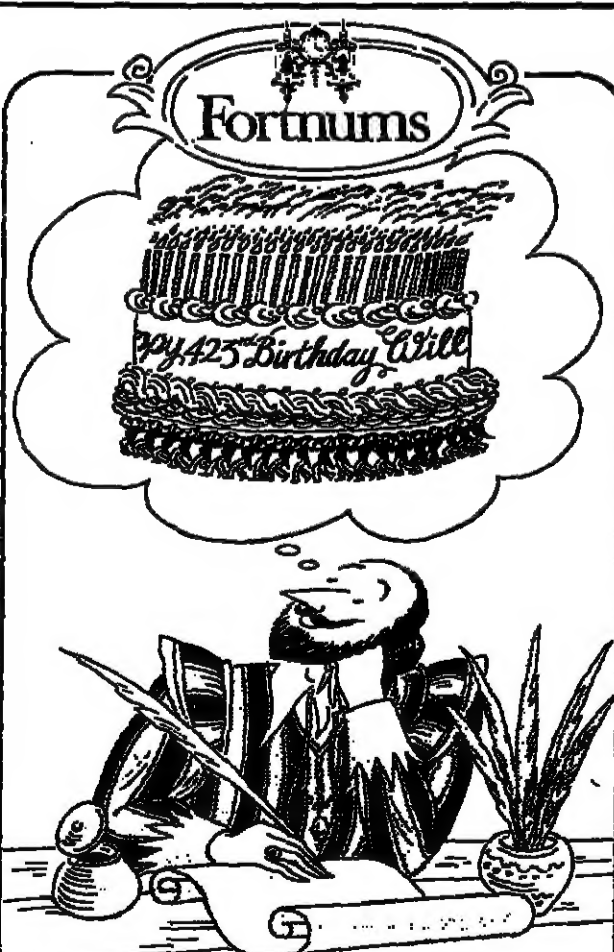
The marchers plan to travel the 450 miles between the two cities between June 8 and July 12, passing through Novgorod

and Kalinin on the way.

At a press conference in Los Angeles Mr Allan Affeldt, president of the International Peace Walk Inc., said: "We are definitely on for this year."

He added that US organizers had been in close touch with their Soviet counterparts during the past few months.

Marchers will cover about half the distance on foot and the rest by bus. "This is a unique breakthrough," said Mr Affeldt. "The Soviets want to take us the distance by car or bus but we want to march. They are also inviting the world media to cover the entire event."



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Attitudes of the Sinhalese are hardened by Tamil separatist attacks

Sri Lankan despair over ethnic crisis

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

There is a growing sense of despair in Sri Lanka about the prospects for a successful resumption of negotiations on finding a peaceful solution to the island's ethnic crisis.

Last night's rush-hour bomb blast in the centre of Colombo and the Good Friday massacre of Sinhalese civilians have hardened attitudes, as no doubt they were intended to, and Sinhalese public opinion is not going to be satisfied without further military steps against the separatist rebels, in particular against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the largest of the militant groups.

One senior political figure insists that the military option is now the only one open. "The long-term situation is clear," he said. "The LTTE won't come for talks. India is going to be helpless... can't do a thing. The TULF (the Tamil political party) are confined to making statements in Madras. They can't do a thing either. The Telo, the Plot, the EPRLF (other militant organisations) are a rag-tag.

"In such a situation I can't see anything other than the Government exercising its military power."

India is felt to be helpless to bring pressure to bear on the militants, who base themselves and their propaganda offices in Madras, capital of the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, for a number of reasons.

First of all, the militants, particularly the LTTE, are becoming much less dependent on India for supplies and for training. Military supplies are now brought to the Bay of Bengal by merchant ships from Bangkok, Hongkong, Europe, the US or Australia, and are then trans-shipped to smaller boats outside India's territorial waters, and run ashore in Sri Lanka.

At present, according to Sri Lankan intelligence, the rebels depend on India only for supplies of explosives.

Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, the LTTE leader, has removed himself from Tamil Nadu entirely for the past few months to avoid direct personal pressure from the Indian authorities.

The Indians have so little leverage against the militants that an official source here was able to suggest that the Sri Lankan Government has been asked not to release a number of detainees in order to give the LTTE something to offer the negotiating table.

The Indians, for their part, feel that the Sri Lankan Government's heart is not in seeking a political solution in any case. They say that Mr J.R. Jayewardene's term as President expires at the end of next year, and that he will be in a stronger position to continue in office if the emergency is still continuing, rather than if an unpopular peace had been agreed.

They also feel that an agreement which was made between Mr Jayewardene and

two Indian ministers on December 19 last year is being backed away from by the Sri Lankans. Indeed, several Sri Lankan politicians have made it clear that the December 19 proposals will not be acceptable to the Sinhalese public.

Spokesmen for the LTTE have said recently that they are prepared to come to the negotiating table, but the kind of conditions they are laying down make it difficult for either India or Sri Lanka to agree. They say they are laying down no conditions — they want unconditional talks.

This disregards all the negotiating that has been done during the past 40 months, whereas Sri Lanka says that the proposals which were formulated last year on the division of powers between a central and a regional government should be broadly accepted before negotiations should begin.

The LTTE also insists it should be recognized as the sole representative of the Tamil people at the negotiations. This in fact causes more of a problem for India than Sri Lanka, since the other organizations each have constituencies inside Tamil Nadu.

A senior Sri Lankan, however, told me this week that they would have no real objection to this. "We will play ball," he said. The LTTE after all will be able to deliver a political agreement if it should ever arrive at one since it is now in a commanding position among the rebels.



The scene of devastation left by last night's rush-hour bomb blast at a bus station in central Colombo in which it was feared that at least 100 people were killed and the same number injured.

Reprisals hit Afghan guerrillas

Islamabad (AFP) — Soviet troops are taking extensive reprisals in northern Afghanistan after attacks across the border by Afghan guerrillas. Western diplomats said here yesterday.

They said that the Russians had been active in Afghanistan's Kunduz and Takhar provinces, and guerrilla sources said they had caused hundreds of deaths.

The Soviet media have reported two of the attacks on Soviet territory, and the official Afghan news agency yesterday hit out at "the group of criminals trained by American and Pakistani instructors in camps in Pakistan who set fire to the Soviet town of Panzh, near the Afghan border, killing and wounding many Soviet citizens".

The diplomats also reported fighting during the week between guerrillas and Soviet or Afghan government troops near Gardez, in south-east Afghanistan. About 50 government troops have been killed there so far this month in the area, they said, confirming guerrilla reports.

British visit to Horn of Africa

Ethiopia aid to continue

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain is to continue its famine relief to Ethiopia, but at the same time voice its opposition to the regime's forced resettlement policies and detention of political prisoners. No assistance will be given to the country's main development projects, however.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who yesterday returned from a visit to the Horn of Africa, found no easy solution to the paradox presented by the Government of Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Conflicting emotions of compassion for ordinary Ethiopians and rejection of Colonel Mengistu's policies dominated an interview she gave to *The Times*. Nevertheless she seemed encouraged by hints of pragmatism among some younger government figures.

"I left Ethiopia believing that the Ethiopians do not deserve the regime that governs them," she said.

Before setting out Mrs Chalker canvassed opinion as to whether Britain should link

humanitarian aid. Last year it also contributed a further £3 million for rehabilitation, part of which was ear-marked for wells.

Mrs Chalker announced an additional £1.25 million well project during her visit. She also added a further 17,000 tonnes of food aid and £200,000 towards distribution costs of existing programmes.

She also visited Kenya, Mauritius and Somalia, where a meeting with President Siad Barre reinforced her broadly positive view of his administration.

British aid to Somalia has doubled twice in two years to a current level of £6.37 million. It is likely to increase again, but decisions have not yet been taken. Two key requests have been that the BBC World Service broadcasts there should not fall victim to cost-cutting and that the British Council should return.

Mrs Chalker feels that because of General Barre's strong wish to improve his people's lot, any aid given goes a long way.

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Gurkhas threaten armed struggle

Delhi (AFP) — Gurkha militants fighting for a separate state in eastern India have threatened to launch an armed struggle, accusing the area's Marxist administration of suppressing them.

The Gurkha National Liberation Front made the threat in a letter addressed to the federal Government, Parliament was told.

Nearly 60 people have died in sporadic violence since the GNLF campaign for a Gurkhaland in Darjeeling district of West Bengal state flared up in May. Gurkhas of Nepali stock say they are treated as second-class citizens.

Ex-PM jailed

Tunis (AP) — Mr Mohamed Mzali, dismissed from his post as Prime Minister last July by President Bourguiba, has been fined 308,000 dinars (about £250,000) and sentenced to 15 years' forced labour after being convicted in absentia of embezzlement and mismanagement of public funds.

House blaze

Camden, New Jersey (AP) — Seven people, including four children, died in a house fire here that may have been caused by careless smoking, an official said.

Teacher jumps

Dhaka, Bangladesh (Reuters) — Dhaka University teachers boycotted classes after a colleague, confronted by 20 angry students armed with revolvers and knives, jumped from a second-storey window and broke several ribs.

Cyclist shot

Sacramento, (AFP) — Greg LeMond, the only American to win the Tour de France, was in fair condition yesterday after being hit in the back by an accidental shotgun blast during a hunting trip.

Bags ban

Venice (Reuters) — Officials in Venice, which enjoyed an Easter boom of 200,000 tourists, have declared war for the second year running on visitors who bed down in sleeping bags in the city's historic squares, fining them on the spot and moving them on.

Suicide fuels attack on Rajiv

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

The scandal over alleged bribery in a submarine deal between India and West Germany has acquired a new intensity after the suicide of Commander Naveen Chopra, who was to take charge of the first of the four submarines, Ins Shishumar.

Commander Chopra, who shot himself at his bachelor quarters at the Western Naval Command officers' mess in Bombay on Saturday, left a note saying that "nobody should be blamed". The police and naval authorities are investigating.

Commander Chopra's suicide will encourage the Opposition, which has fiercely attacked Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, over the deal.

Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Defence Minister, resigned after ordering an inquiry into the deal and receiving a message from the Indian Embassy in Bonn that an Indian agent had received a 7 per cent commission.

Ins Shishumar is the Indian Navy's first SSK (submarine-to-submarine killer) built by the Howaldt Deutsche Werke

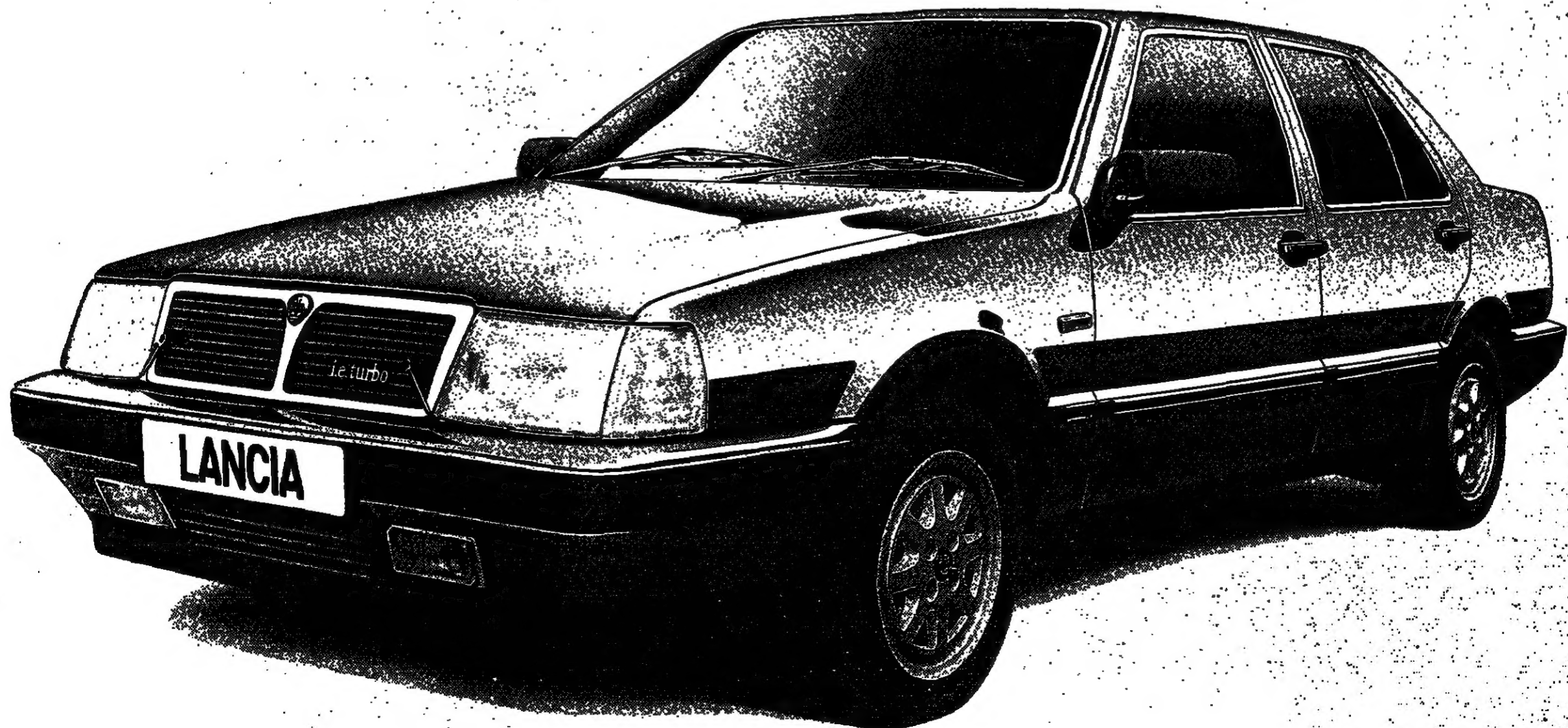
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Indonesia's parliamentary elections

"These refugees who we see around us in this camp are the tragic human reality who lie behind the impersonal texts of UN resolutions," Sir Geoffrey said, before adding that the world must not slip into "compassion fatigue".



Thailand accused US politicians of trying to win votes by exploiting the return of the refugees, whom it described as illegal immigrants who faced no persecution at home, and challenged Washington to give asylum to half the 50,000 Hmong living in Ban Vinai.

combined force of the opposition parties and the military would be outnumbered. "They don't want Golkar to lose, they (the military) just don't want to let them get that 70 per cent of the seats. They say 60 per cent would be OK."

The Opposition was demanding that the Government should shelve its controversial tax reform programme as the price of convening the session. The ruling party was not



The two feuding tribes, who are Baluchis settled in Sind, have been killing each other

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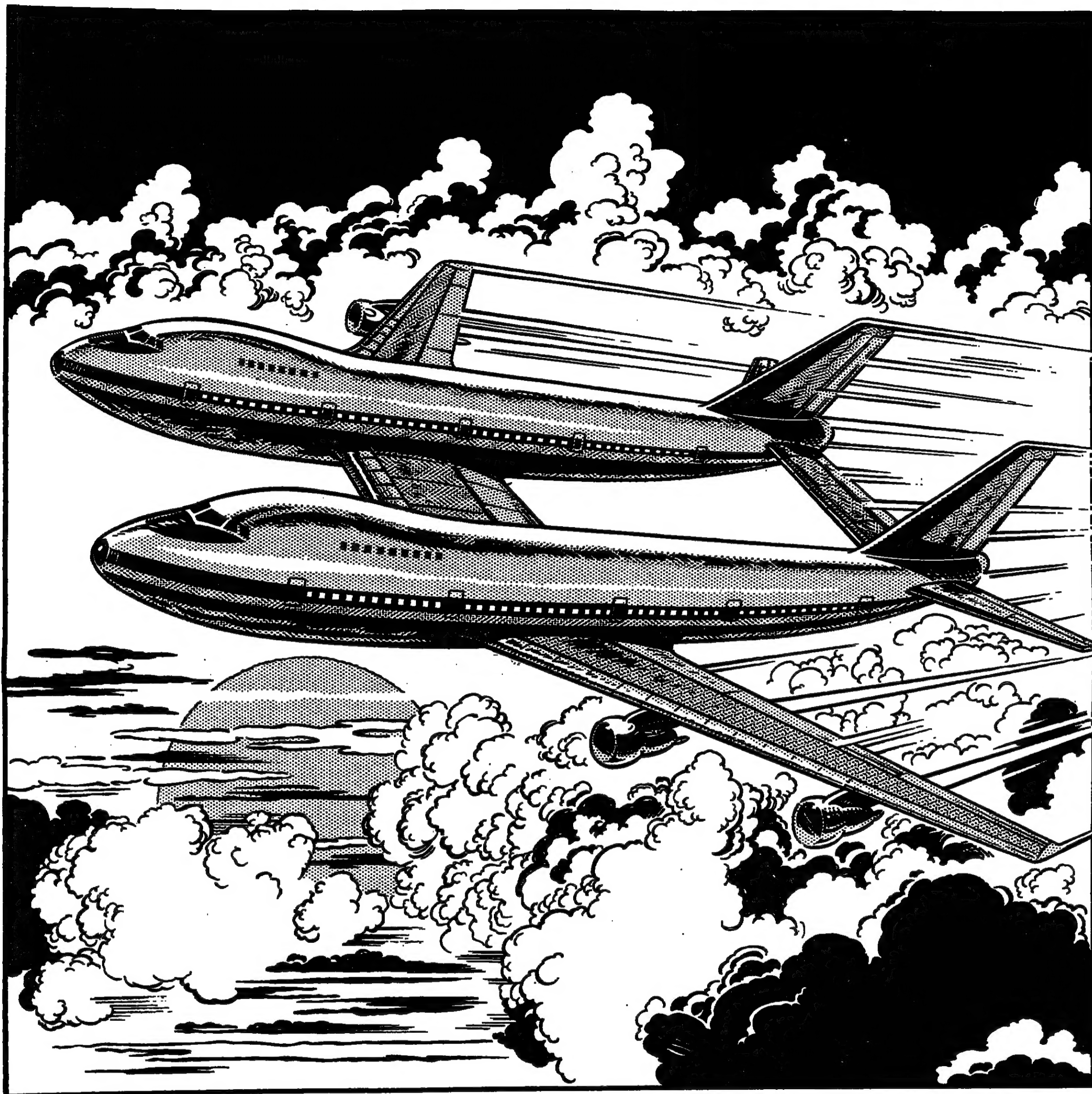
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SPECTRUM

Chernobyl: how Europe reacted

David Hart

A year ago Europe was completely unprepared for a nuclear disaster on the scale of Chernobyl. The result was panic and confusion. Would we fare better now? Gareth Huw Davies looks at the aftermath

In the Alsace region of Eastern France many people cross the Rhine each day to work in West Germany. Last spring, as the cloud of radiation from the explosion at Chernobyl passed over Europe, they found a deeply concerned nation which had banned the consumption of some foods, ordered the mass destruction of crops, and even closed school playgrounds.

Then they travelled home in the evening to the security of a France apparently spared contamination by some meteorological miracle, where milk and vegetables were declared perfectly safe, and where the government had scarcely a word to say on the perils of radioactivity until 14 days after the accident.

In the close huddle of the Benelux countries there was high confusion over milk. Belgium said it could still be consumed, but advised caution on giving it to children. The Dutch set a strict limit and confiscated 175,000 litres. Luxembourg said its milk was perfectly safe.

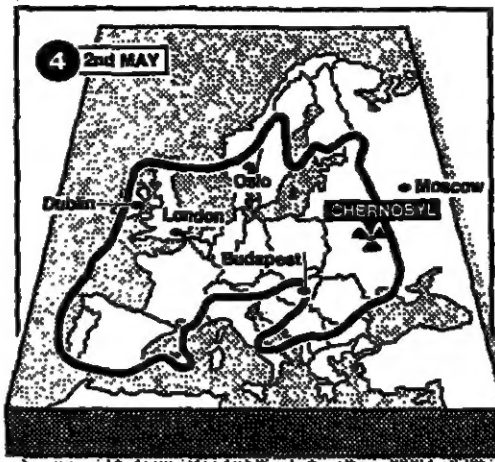
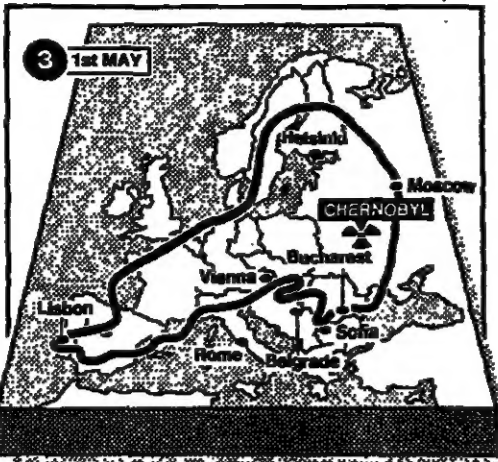
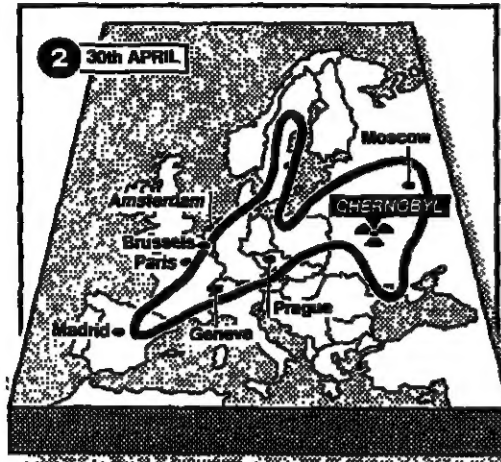
In this country, the public had to weigh on the same day the conflicting advice of the Environment Minister, saying the radioactivity posed no danger, against that of the head of the National Radiological Protection Board, predicting that the number of deaths from cancer in Britain would increase.

No single event since the Second World War has touched the lives of so many people in Europe at the same time as the explosion in No 4 unit at the Chernobyl reactor at 1.23am on April 26, 1986. It fell to governments to guide their troubled and often panicky citizens through the uncertain weeks after the world's most serious nuclear power accident.

How well they performed is revealed for the first time in a study by the non-political Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC), a consortium of EEC consumer organizations including the National Consumer Council and the Consumers' Association in Britain.

Its report, *Chernobyl, the Aftermath*, paints a worrying picture of confusion and chaos. All countries took steps to monitor radiation in the environment and foodstuffs

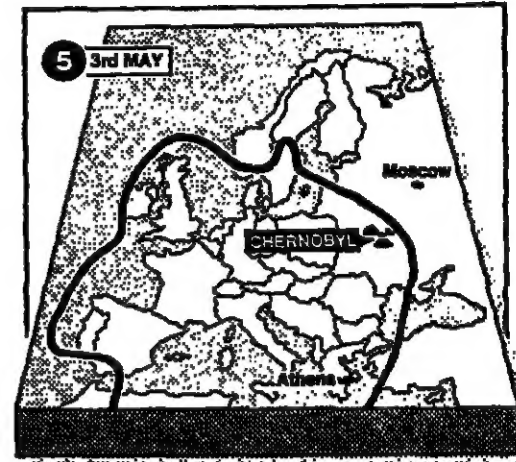
Action taken by member states	MOST AFFECTED AREAS			INTERMEDIATE ZONES						LEAST AFFECTED ZONES		
	Germany (Southern)	Italy (Northern)	France (Alsace)	Greece	Netherlands	Belgium	Luxembourg	United Kingdom	Denmark	Spain	Ireland	Portugal
Ban on the sale of foodstuffs certain and their destruction	APRIL 30	MAY 3			MAY 3							
Warning not to consume fresh milk	MAY 3	MAY 3		MAY 6								
Warning not to consume fresh (leafy) vegetables	APRIL 30	MAY 3	MAY 15	MAY 6	MAY 4		MAY 4					
Warning to wash fresh vegetables		MAY 3		MAY 6	MAY 4	MAY 4			APRIL 30			
Ban on imports of certain foodstuffs from Eastern Europe (prior to EEC ban)		MAY 3	MAY 15		MAY 4			MAY 1	APRIL 30			
Ban on grazing cattle outdoors	APRIL 30			MAY 5	MAY 4	MAY 4			MAY 7			
Warning to avoid contact with rainwater	APRIL 30						MAY 4	MAY 5				
Hotlines set up	APRIL 30		MAY 15		MAY 4	MAY 4		MAY 6	APRIL 30			MAY



CLOUD OF CONFUSION

The table (left) illustrates the differences in the measures taken by EEC countries to deal with radiation from Chernobyl, and shows when they took them. Member states are grouped together in areas with roughly similar radiation levels. The maps below show the drift of the nuclear cloud day by day.

Source: Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC)



and to check imports from Eastern Europe, but this was about the extent of the common ground. "There was a great deal of diversity. Some countries were worse than others."

At the outset there were no contingency plans to deal with the disaster. BEUC called for a clear European response. "It is an indictment of EEC governments that this failed to materialize," says BEUC's director Tony Venables.

And one year on, EEC governments have not moved very far towards learning the lessons of Chernobyl, Venables says. "They are no further towards agreeing a contingency plan to deal with similar catastrophes. There have been no firm proposals."

The first western Europe knew of the catastrophe was when the Swedish authorities noted an increase in radiation on the following day, April 27. On April 28 the USSR belatedly reported the accident.

A nuclear cloud from the explosion, the equivalent of an atomic detonation of 30 megatons — 2,000 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima — spread rapidly across eastern and western Europe.

Denmark was the first EEC state to feel its effects, recording radiation 10 times the normal background level around midday on the 27th. During the night of April 28/29, the cloud moved into

northern Germany and by the following evening radioactive rain was falling on Bavaria, where levels up to 30 times normal for soil and 50 times normal for rainwater were recorded. Southern Germany was the worst affected area in the Community.

By May 1, the cloud covered the whole of France and the Benelux countries. On May 2 it reached the UK, where higher radiation levels were recorded in Scotland and northern England than in the south. Radioactivity on grassland in Cumbria was extremely high. Italy received the cloud on May 1 and practically the whole country was covered by May 3. The rest of Europe — Ireland, Greece, Spain and Portugal — was only slightly affected.

BEUC says there was no coherent measurement of the cloud's effects on member states. Not only were complete sets of radiation levels rarely available, but "some of the variations over short distances within and between countries were somewhat extraordinary."

Readings vary according to the type of surface where the measurements were taken, and the type of equipment used, which made comparisons extremely difficult. In many countries, the official figures were often much lower than those of independent laboratories.

In the UK, government figures were generally lower than those of the NRPB. The report points to a "serious inadequacy in the entire radiation monitoring and information system in the UK". For instance "safe" figures from the Ministry of Agriculture differed from those given by the Scottish Office.

Did all the EEC governments do what was best for their people in the circumstances? The report expresses doubts. It directs its heaviest criticism at France, where there were "not so much contradiction and confusion but silence and ignorance."

Initially people were told there was a slight increase in radiation, due to fortuitous weather conditions, and assured it would have no impact. Not until May 10 was the true state of affairs disclosed: on May 2, for example, some areas, notably Alsace, had received radiation 200 to 400 times higher than normal. Even then people were assured that there was no risk in consuming fresh milk.

Not until May 15 was there a ban on the sale of fresh spinach from Alsace. Yet France still maintained spinach could be frozen or canned, while other countries destroyed it. There was outrage at the lack of information, with a hot-line set up until May 16. A poll showed 65 per cent believed there to have been a government cover-up.

In the UK, fresh milk and

vegetables were declared safe, despite grass contamination four times the NRPB limit. Nowhere were farmers told to keep cows inside. Then on June 20, a three-week ban was placed on movement and slaughter of sheep in Cumbria, and North Wales. Four days later it was extended to Scotland. The government set up a hot-line on May 3. Its effectiveness was "highly debatable", the report notes.

In Denmark, farmers were ordered to keep cows indoors on the discovery of highly contaminated grass, seven days after all foodstuffs were declared safe. People were told to wash vegetables grown in the open air. The government hot-line could not cope with the pressure of calls. There was panic. All the available iodine tablets were sold by May 1.

West Germany took more decisive action, but it was complicated by the division of responsibility between the federal government and the states. The federal government in Bonn set maximum levels for leafy vegetables, but not every state followed its lead. Bonn said there was no reason for people to avoid the rain. Many states gave contrary advice: some even closed playgrounds. Others advised old people not to mow lawns and mothers not to allow babies to sleep with open windows.

While milk was available in

Bavaria with a potentially dangerous contamination level of 900 becquerel per litre (Bq/l), in West Berlin milk from East Germany with only 7.5 Bq/l was destroyed.

"A mass of conflicting measures and advice not surprisingly led to general panic." The entire iodine stock was sold out by April 30: some pregnant women even had abortions over fears of the effect.

The three Benelux countries, where radiation levels were broadly similar, all banned outdoor grazing from May 4; Holland set a two-year prison term for contravention. In Belgium, the Department of the Environment told farmers to keep cattle indoors; unnecessary, said the Ministry of Agriculture.

Throughout the EEC there was a wide range of advice on the wisdom of travelling to Eastern Europe. Some governments gave detailed and precise information; others made only general statements. "People could not help but be completely confused," the report says.

The evolution of an EEC-wide response was painfully slow. Fifteen days after the disaster, member states finally agreed to a ban on imports of fresh food from Eastern Europe, only to alter it four days later.

Those countries with the highest dependency on nuclear power — the UK, Belgium and France —

tended to do the least, with the exception of West Germany.

There were mitigating reasons for Europe's muddled response. Confusion over radiation readings arose from the complexity of fallout and contamination. Subsequent analysis will add much to knowledge of measuring radioactivity. And, of course, earlier notification by the USSR would have allowed a better response.

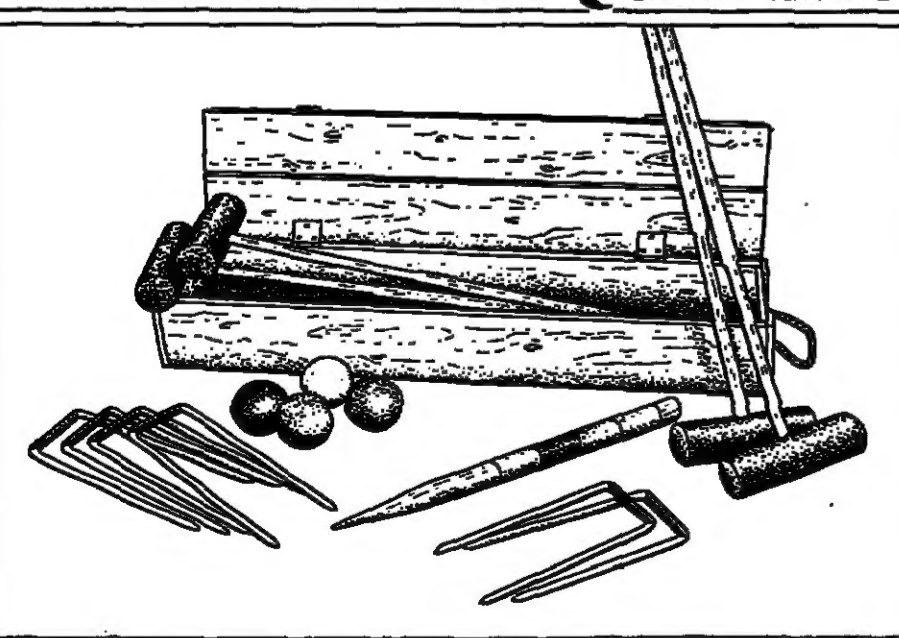
BEUC calls for a west European contingency plan which would be automatically implemented in the event of a nuclear disaster, with agreed minimum safety levels for soil, water and foodstuffs. There should, it says, be precise steps of action on foodstuffs to be triggered by rising radiation levels. There should also be better transmission of information to the public. And it recommends a co-ordinated EEC programme to monitor Chernobyl's effects over the coming decades.

Tony Venables is pessimistic about the chances of its advice being heeded. "The European Commission would like to go in this direction," he says, "but it is being blocked, especially by governments protecting their nuclear industry. One year on, and we are no better able to deal with such a disaster."

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If Britain takes in another 1,000 "boat people" they will find a new cultural centre awaiting them

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It was bought last October for £118,000, collected from congregations of Vietnamese Buddhists up and down the country, and for the last six months they have been converting it into Britain's first Vietnamese Buddhist temple, with prayers being led by the only monk here, the Venerable Thich Tri Canh.

The temple is a monument to the determination of this country's biggest single group of refugees, the "boat people", who arrived here in 1979. The Home Office is now considering whether to allow 1,000 more to immigrate.

Among the original immigrants was Dr Ly Thi Phung, who now runs a thriving acupuncture practice in Catford. "The family is the most important social group to us, but we lost most of our families so we had to make new ones," she said. Dr Ly is one of seven Vietnamese who formed a do-it-yourself family when they first arrived. Although spread throughout the country, they meet about once a month and the temple is their focal point.

Her "brother" is Ung Van Ly of the charity Refugee Action. It runs the Vietnamese Community Development Programme, which has 132 regional workers based throughout the country. The development pro-



Buddhist nun Thich-Nu Tri Giac

gramme, financed by the Home Office, was started in 1984 to encourage self-help groups and community services, in particular the Vietnam Refugee National Council.

The council's aim is not only to co-ordinate Britain's 45 Vietnamese communities but to act as a pressure group for their 8,000 kinsmen still in

camp in South-East Asia who are on the brink of returning to Vietnam. "We think that if we can persuade the British government to take some of them, other governments will follow," said its chairman, Luong Tan Tuoc.

At present, the council is directing much of its efforts into teaching the Vietnamese language. "The old people cannot learn English and the young have started with English and do not know Vietnamese; we have cases of parents and children not being able to talk to each other," said Luong.

Vietnam, the word, translates several ways. "One way," says Luong, "is 'First Unity'. That's the way we see ourselves."

Simon Tait

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1238

ACROSS
1 N E France plateau (8)
2 Lure (4)
3 Distant (3,4)
4 Command (5)
5 Lift up (5)
6 Contest (5)
7 Wood block shoe (5)
8 Watch band (5)
9 Sharp, bitter (5)
10 Highly flavoured (5)
11 Tarian (5)
12 Talking on cargo (7)
13 Inquisitive (4)
14 Minor planet (8)
DOWN
1 Declare positively (6)
2 Play supervisor (8)
3 At this moment (3)
4 State of perfect bliss (7,6)
5 Assistant (4)
6 Push suddenly (6)
7 SOLUTION TO 1237
8 1006 survey (8)
9 11 Delighted expression (8)
10 1812 Russian battle-field (8)
11 8 Mud (4)
12 Chiang Kai-Shek (17)
13 24 Duo (5)
14 25 Unruly (6)
15 3 Boomerang (4)
16 4 Amazing (5)
17 5 Adage (6)
18 6 Pet (7)
19 7 Ad-verse (13)
20 13 Position (2,2)
21 22 Co. (4)
23 15 16 And (10)
24 18 Abide (20)
25 Cable (4)
26 10 Active (6)
27 17 Persistent (6)
28 19 Quantity of matter (4)
29 22 First-rate pilot (3)

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Now we are still six

They met in 1966, at university. Since then, fate has taken them down different roads, but they still meet to compare notes about their lives. Lee Rodwell is one of them

Lynn looked into the room and said: "When I walked in I first thought that everyone looked much older, but now it seems as if no time has passed at all." Six of us were sprawled on beds or sitting on the floor, talking about men, sex and work.

Twenty-one years earlier the scene — and the topics — had been much the same, only then the room was in a women's hall of residence, not a hotel.

We had met from time to time over the years. This time we were going back to the beginning: to 1966, when we met as freshmen at London University.

At the time, none of us had any ambitions beyond getting our degrees, standing for office in the student's union, editing the student paper, or playing hockey for the college. And having a good time.

Looking back, even our idea of a good time was pretty tame. The rest of London may have been swinging (and the pill was available from the student health centre) but sex, for most of us, was something we talked about rather than indulged in. What we wanted was the security of a meaningful relationship. Like most women of our generation, we expected to work for a while, then marry and have a family.

What we didn't know when we left college in 1969 was how much the world was going to change for women. Women's liberation was already a growing force in America, and moves to ban sex discrimination were first made in Britain in 1968. But Germaine Greer's *The Female Eunuch* was not published here until 1971, and the Sex Discrimination Act did not become law until 1975.

So how had we all made out? I was the only one among us who had never stopped working — a contrast to when I was at college and was rarely seen in English lectures until the third year. But then, I didn't meet the man I was to marry until I was in my late twenties, we didn't have children until I was in my mid-thirties, and I was lucky enough to have chosen a profession that could be carried on from home.

The others all found husbands quite quickly — three while still at college, one while doing a post-graduate course, the last while working in her first job. Between us we had produced 16 children.

Bucking the trend, none of us had divorced, but four had been to marriage guidance counsellors and one had gone through the agony of having her husband leave her for another woman, and then return.

It became clear that marriage had not been an easy option, and in some ways the expectation raised by the so-



Those were the days, my friends: Che Guevara on the wall, cushions on the floor — and the Pill, the great liberator, close at hand

called sexual revolution had done little to help. A fellow English student, Clare said: "Sex is not such a big deal. You can't keep the excitement going when you've got one child to pick up from school and another one falls sick just as you've got an important meeting."

Ruth — at college an open, talkative girl — married a vicar — and, as she said, "Others think you can't have any problems, let alone those kinds of problems. You are holy people. But no one is immune. We've been to marriage guidance together and now we both have our own counsellors. I don't go just to talk about sex, it's to do with exploring my life."

Other marriages had faced other problems. I have many of the normal insecurities and difficulties of a second wife, compounded by the fact that my parents-in-law still still speak to me. For Lynn — who had been a psychology student and a quiet provincial when she arrived at college — it was her husband being made redundant that altered the balance of their marriage. "Up to that point, he was a typical high-flying executive. Then there was nothing."

"He got very depressed and spent the whole time worrying about himself. He couldn't even hear to see photos of the children because he felt that one day they'd grow up and die. The only way I could cope with it was to take the dog for a walk, sit by the river and

remind myself of my marriage vows." Marianne, who wore very short mini-skirts and was always trying to rope us into playing hockey, had faced a different crisis — her husband's infidelity. She explained how, after 12 years of marriage, she discovered he had been seeing another woman.

"He'd leave me for her, come back again, then leave again. We already had two children and then I got pregnant again. He wanted me to have an abortion and made it clear that if I had the baby he might not stay. He did leave me while I was pregnant but came back, full of guilt, just before the baby was born."

"A couple of months later, he drifted back into the other relationship. Eventually, I started divorce proceedings. Then he decided that he'd stay with us, and as far as I know he hasn't seen her again."

"I still love him or I wouldn't have gone on with it." None of us had any real regrets about marrying the men we did when we did. When it came to work, though, there was a feeling that perhaps we had sold ourselves short.

Tessa, who never overspent her grant or skipped geography lectures, qualified as an accountant. But she

'I want to find a job that will use all my skills'

admitted: "If I had my time again, I would defer having the children. Four months after I passed my accountancy exams I left to have my first baby, and the second followed a year later. At the time, I couldn't afford to go back to work and pay a nanny."

"I'm not as well-off materially as I thought I'd be. We don't have the life-style my parents did. We don't have a big house, we don't run a car. But there are things more important than material possessions — we pay for the children's education."

Marianne took a job in industry while her husband worked towards his PhD, but he didn't finish it. Instead, he found a job which meant a move outside London.

Marianne was unable to find work in the same area. "In the end I went into teaching for two years, then worked as a programmer and analyst. I really felt my career had to be secondary because we were planning a family. When the first two children came along, I didn't work for seven years because I wanted to bring them up myself. Now I work part-time as a supply teacher."

"I felt cheated when I thought my marriage was going to break up. My husband can get the same amount in one rise as I get teaching grotty kids for a year. It's soul-destroying. At the start we earned exactly the same, but I'll never be on a par again. The inequality is amazing."

Ruth, who had studied German, frankly admitted that she set her sights on marriage, not a career. "I expected to come out of university engaged. I had a teaching job, briefly, after our second child, but it didn't work out as I still had to run the home. So we had another child and I decided not to go back to work until she was five."

"Now we need my income, and we can't afford the time it would take for me to retrain. But I do want to find a job that will use all my skills." The conversation turned briefly to schools. Three of us are paying for private education, three are not. We talked little of politics — perhaps, as Tessa said, because most of us felt powerless to change the world, whereas we could change our own lives.

As the conversation swung to and fro, and as we talked and listened the years dropped away, the past and present blurring into one. Maybe because now — as then — so many of us are thinking about the future and how we intend to shape our lives for the next 21 years.

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A new book calls for a better deal for fathers

Let's hear it for the boys



Richard Seel: "Traditionally, a good father is a good provider"

We've been hearing a lot about fathers: fathers who look after the children while the mother goes out to work, fathers who take it in turns with the mother to look after the children, and go out to work, fathers who look after the children and then leave home to have an affair. And the reason we hear about them is because fathers who actually do look after their children are extremely rare.

Contrary to popular belief, even men who go so far as to share the task of caring for their children with their wives are pretty thin on the ground. Psychologists Charlie Lewis and Margaret O'Brien are the editors of *Rethinking Fatherhood*, a new anthology of academic research. They describe the evidence for the existence of the new father, "the man who is both highly nurturant towards his children and increasingly involved in their care and housework", as less than convincing.

But in case there are any fathers out there feeling hurt and misunderstood as they rinse out the bibs and scrape the junior muck off the walls — never fear, you have a champion. His name is Richard Seel, and today his book, *The Uncertain Father*, is published. A film editor at the BBC, he is also a father — of Mark, aged 14, Adam, 12, and Rebecca, nine. Seel, 41, launched and edited the National Childbirth Trust magazine, *New Generation*, for three years. He also runs a fathers' group and organizes national study days on fatherhood.

His book is not so much a battle cry for fathers as a *cri de coeur*. He portrays the committed father as a hopelessly confused creature, pulled this way and that by the contradictory expectations of society, work and women.

It is a fallacy, Seel believes, that a father's involvement can be measured in terms of child care. "I don't think many women, particularly if they work outside the home, would be pleased to have their motherhood measured by how many nappies they change. Emotional relationships are not affected by the number of hours of drudgery you put in," he says.

After the emotional, uplifting experience of the birth, what men apparently need is more nurturing. "Given the increased awareness of their own sexuality which many men have after birth," Seel writes, "it is hardly surprising that some find themselves tumbling into affairs, almost against their will."

He explains: "They really want to be with their wives, but they are slung out of the hospital. The affairs are displacement activity. That doesn't excuse them, but it explains them."

He can find no excuse for men who take advantage of the parental structure to avoid both child care and domestic work, knowing that the mother will assume final responsibility.

Seel and his wife, Shirley, 48, have always shared child care, but she finds it difficult to let him do half the housework, even though she has a demanding position as chairman of the National Childbirth Trust's Breast-feeding Promotion Group. "I've been conditioned to do it," she says. "I have to struggle not to feel guilty when I don't. My mother thinks it's terrible when I go away to conferences and leave Richard to cope."

Seel's vision of the father of the future is one who will want, above all, equality of responsibility in every area of domestic life. "He will not leave all the decisions to his partner because he is too lazy or insecure to make them himself," he writes.

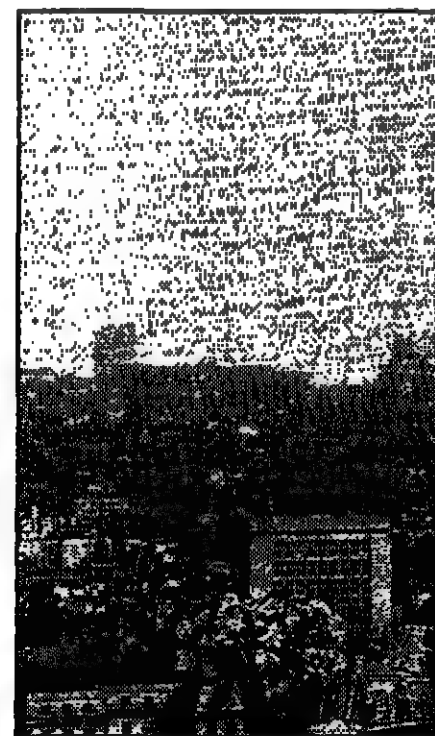
If all that holds the modern father back from domestic involvement is considerations of work, then he has many high-powered working mothers as role models. As for women holding on to their domestic territory, it is hard to believe that any woman is going to stop her partner seizing the Hoover, duster or washing-up cloth. The reason she gets on and does it is because he has switched off. Only temporarily, of course.

Sally Monksdale

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BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Badgered to type

The computer boom has confirmed typing's position as the most prized office skill. Convinced that typing courses are a waste of time and money, Madeleine Brearley has developed a new "anagram" teaching method. Provided you can keep a straight face while tapping out exercises like "My dear badger was jolly ill", *The 5-hour Keyboarding Course* (Penguin, £1.50) takes 10 half-hour sessions to turn 12-year-olds — and older novices — into expert touch-typists.

Baby cribs

Thanks to two very practical glossy new booklets, expectant mothers can now have a better idea of exactly what to anticipate throughout pregnancy and their baby's first year. Jointly produced by the British Medical Association and publishers Dorling Kind-

ersely, the *You and Your Baby* booklets unravel the mysteries of childbirth in a readable style (including a glossary of technical medical terms), illustrated with clear diagrams. They're obtainable from ante-natal clinics, doctor's surgeries and health centres.



Quote me...

"Now I've turned 30 things have changed. I'm too old for men who like very young girls and too young for men on the second time around who want a fairly mature wife."

Fiona Fullerton, actress

Aids aid

The Family Planning Association has published a postal booklet of 11 titles concerning Aids. These contain information, advice for HIV positives and their friends and families and the global history of the disease. To get

hold of the list, send an s.a.e. to the FPA Book Centre, 27 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RJ, where the books are also available to callers.

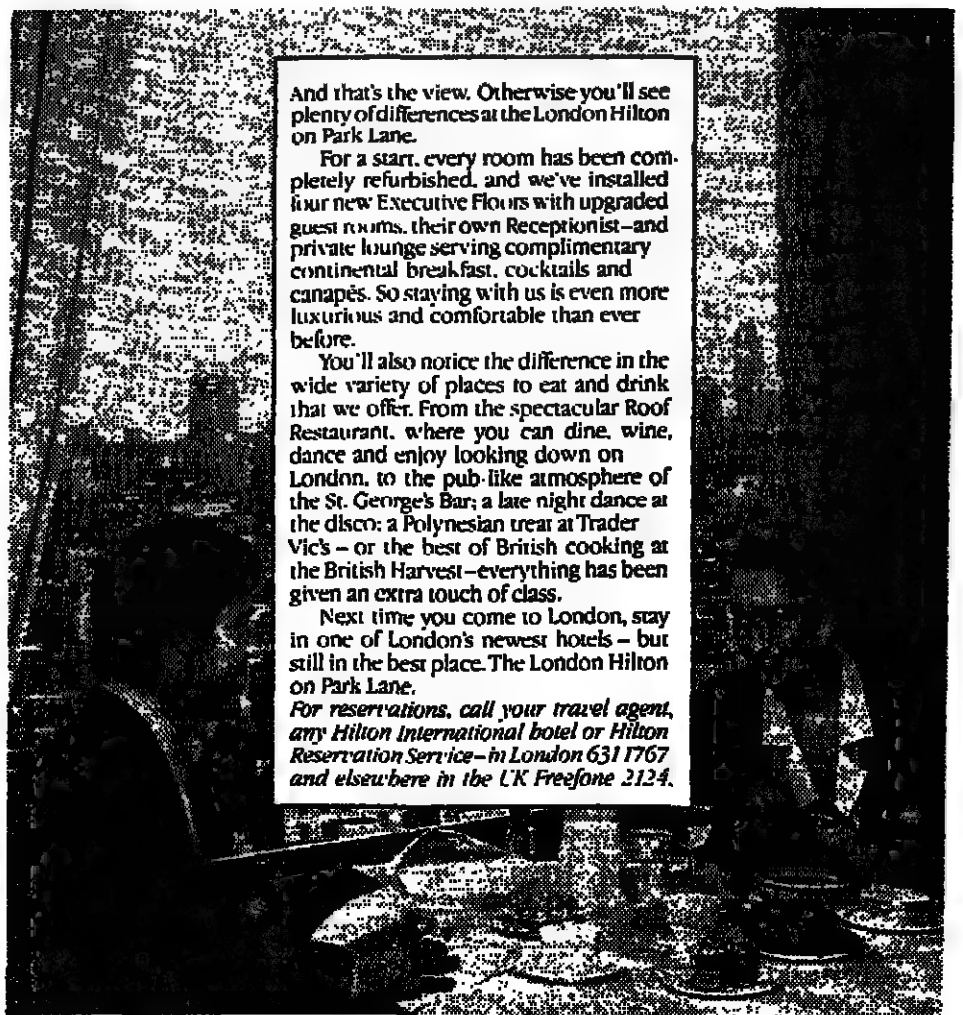
Eyes right

Contact lens-wearers and anyone else with sensitive eyes gets a bonus with Lancôme's brand-new Keracils mascara. Its gentle, keratin-based formula actually conditions eyelashes as it lifts, separates and coats them with a single application. Priced at £7.95, it comes in classic black, bright blue and "luminous green" — to help people find you in the dark, perhaps?

No handicap

Disabled people planning a holiday often need more than glossy brochures. The Greater London Association for the Disabled has produced a fact sheet listing useful publications, organizations and sources of information so that physically handicapped holiday-makers can do more than "wish they were there". Send an s.a.e. to GLAD, 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA, to receive a copy.

Josephine Fairley



102 RAILWAY ROAD, 1917.

THE TIMES DIARY

Left bank in reverse

Moscow's capitalist arm in the City, the Narodny Bank, has been told by the Kremlin to embrace the spirit of independent trade unionism after intervention by Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC. Willis recently visited the USSR and — coincidentally, says the bank — Dmitri Penzin, the bank's London chairman for the past five years, is now to be replaced by Alexander Maslov, who arrives in London next month. The problems in the King William Street branch came to a head when management decided to dismiss Tony Palmer for allegedly spending too much time on union business and for being too left-wing. At an industrial tribunal Palmer was adjudged to be 30 per cent in the wrong and was awarded £9,000 for unfair dismissal. Soviet managements are perhaps more used to unqualified co-operation from staff than that found in the Square Mile.

Kirkcaldy call

The guessing over the date of the general election sets Labour a poser over whether to call an immediate by-election in Kirkcaldy, where the seat has been made vacant by Harry Gourlay's death. Should June pass without an election, Labour will be faced with the temptation to break the convention that by-elections are called within three months of a vacancy. This would leave it vulnerable to the demands of the other parties. After Lord Lambton's departure from politics in 1973, Dick Taverne twice tried to force the Tory government to fill his Berwick-upon-Tweed seat. And 12 years later Labour MP Dennis Skinner used the right to debate a by-election date to filibuster the embryo research bill. Meanwhile, the prospective Labour candidate, Dr Lewis Moonie, waits anxiously on the sideline.

Secs equality

A survey conducted for National Secretaries' Week, now being celebrated in the US, shows that three out of four secretaries do not want the title. Some 35 per cent prefer to be called executive secretary, 23 executive assistant, 20 executive co-ordinator and 14 administrative assistant. The rest want another title altogether. One wonders how the week got off the ground.

Bow group

Lord Trefgarne, the defence minister, has come clean and admitted that his knowledge of the Army's use of crossbows is a little out of date. "Information available to us suggests a price of 65 8d (33p) for a first-class English bow of best foreign yew," he says, going on to explain that crossbows were last used in the reign of Elizabeth I. The history lesson was squeezed out of him by Lord Monkswell, who is clearly discovering the joys of Parliamentary Questions (replies to which now cost nearly £70 each). Monkswell, a former van driver, inherited the title in 1984 on the death of his father, William Collier, who had disclaimed it when it looked as if a Labour government would abolish the Lords.

BARRY FANTONI



Sorry lot

Labour politicians, reportedly furious at the BBC's apology to Norman Tebbit over a TV news bulletin that failed to mention healthy trade figures, should calm down. The corporation recently accepted a not dissimilar complaint about its news judgement from Jeremy Leggett, coordinator of Veric, a non-aligned but pro-army control monitoring group, who had complained of the low priority the Nine O'Clock News gave to America's renunciation of the Salt II treaty. Chris Cramer, BBC TV's home news editor, replied: "I share your views on the rather brief treatment and have passed them to the programme editors." Come to that, ITN last month issued an abject apology to CND for suggesting NATO had no short-range missiles. After broadcasting a clarifying item a few days later, ITN wrote back: "We strive hard to avoid such blunders and mostly we succeed, but this was a bad one and we hope you will be able to accept our apology."

Movable feast

The generosity of John Habgood, Archbishop of York, and tipped for Canterbury, has its limits. A notice in the latest diocesan leaflet invites all members of York's Reformed Clergy Association to lunch at his Bishopthorpe palace on May 14. It quickly adds: "Bring your own food."

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Terror in Cheltenham-on-Med

Nicosia

There is a little piece of Britain where the sun almost always shines — on wooded hillsides, on the lush green of manicured playing fields and on warm sea and sandy beaches. The day's work ends at 2 pm, the executives drive duty-free cars to polo pitch or golf course, the workers go to their beachside pubs, water-ski, hang-glide and sail.

The 99 square miles of sovereign British territory carved out of the picturesque coast of southern Cyprus was established by treaty when Cyprus won independence in 1960. Nowadays the anachronism of the military bases and their 10,000 British servicemen, civilians and dependants, sitting on the nerves of almost everyone in Cyprus. The British strain to maintain excellent relations with the Cypriots, giving bulldozers, medical equipment and providing engineers to help local community development.

The boundaries of the sovereign territory are mostly undefined, and there is a price to be paid for that. Corporal John Bailey and 15-year-old Linda Wilkinson almost paid it with their lives on Easter Monday when a couple of masked gunmen ambushed their Land Rover and sprayed them with automatic weapon fire. No one has claimed responsibility.

Last August guerrillas made

their escape after bombarding the Akrotiri airbase with mortars, rockets, grenades and automatic weapons, injuring two women. One of Lebanon's almost randomly named groups, the United Nasserite Organization, claimed it carried out this attack in revenge for Britain's co-operation in the US bombing of Libya last April.

The two air bases, Dheklia and Akrotiri-Episkopi, are used mainly for pilot training and transport transit. Two nuclear strike squadrons and their supporting fighter and transport squadrons were withdrawn in 1975, but British officials admit privately that the bases are still vital to Britain's strategic interest and will remain.

The 9th Signals Regiment at Ayios Nikolaos is a field intercept station for GCHQ in Cheltenham, sucking military and diplomatic signals from the ether over Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, also from our NATO allies Greece and Turkey, and from ships and aircraft.

The British are the subject of a vocal left-wing Cypriot campaign for the closure of the "bases of death" as the slogans dub them. The slogans are pegged to a Soviet demand for the complete demilitarization of the island, which is also host to some 23,000 Turkish occupation troops shoring up Rauf Denkash's Lilliputian rep-

ublic in the Turkish Cypriot north. The reasons for this Soviet ploy are clear: British and American intelligence operations have been wiped out in Beirut, where Israel's Mossad now dominates in a lethal struggle with Syrian and Iranian intelligence forces. The KGB has no desire to see the westerners regroup in Cyprus, and it sees the bases as a key support facility for operations overt and covert.

The hand of the KGB was clearly visible in the sexual shenanigans that surrounded the trial of seven servicemen acquitted of spying in Cyprus at the Old Bailey in 1985.

Both the Americans and the Russians are building new embassies almost side by side in central Nicosia and diplomatic sources readily admit they will house the world's most advanced monitoring equipment.

The Akel Communist Party is supported by 23 per cent of the Greek Cypriot electorate. Dovish on social reforms in a land of entrepreneurs and democrats, it is hawkish pro-Moscow on foreign policy and is spearheading the anti-bases campaign, although without personal rancour towards Britons.

The leftists argue that Britain has flouted the terms of the treaty by intelligence activities against friendly Arab countries, by allowing U-2 spyplanes to operate from

Akrotiri and by allegedly providing communications support to such American adventures as the Libyan raids — a charge stoutly denied by Britain and the government of Cyprus.

Few blame Cyprus or the Cypriots for transit heroin smuggling from Lebanon. For the killings of Arabs by Arabs, for attacks on the bases, or for the 1985 slaughter of Israelis in Larnaca, which led to the bombing of the PLO in Tunis.

The 3,867-strong Cypriot police force is uncorrupt and security at Larnaca port and airport shames some European capitals. But there are those among the 10,000 Arabs in Cyprus who are prepared to bite the hand that gives them refuge, to bring their murderous feuds into Nicosia and endanger the vital tourist industry by attacking friendly Britons.

A spate of terrorist incidents at the rate of at least one a month in 1985 was without exception Arab-based. The government resolutely refuses to discriminate against foreign residents and merely gets on with improving its security.

Cyprus hosts Israeli, PLO, Syrian and Libyan embassies. At the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa the islanders walk a tight-rope of trade, tourism and non-aligned politics. "We are a bridge, and we get walked on," one official said.

Alain Bosson

Roy Foster on the mystery that still surrounds the framing of Parnell

Case of the Fenian forger

One hundred years ago a facsimile letter appeared in *The Times* which had a devastating effect on contemporary politics. The cause of Irish Home Rule had only recently been taken up by the Liberals, throwing Gladstone into an unlikely alliance with the one-time leader of agrarian agitation in Ireland, Charles Stewart Parnell. The letter, published on April 18, 1887, made its point with clarity. It apparently implicated Parnell in the murders of the Secretary and Under-Secretary for Ireland in Phoenix Park five years before.

Dear Sir,
I am not surprised at your friend's anger but he and you should know that to denounce the murders was the only course open to us. To do that promptly was plainly our best policy.
But you can tell him and all others concerned that though I regret the accident of Lord F. Cavendish's death I cannot refuse to admit that Burke got no more than his deserts.
You are at liberty to show him this, and others whom you can trust also, but let not my address be known. He can write to House of Commons.
Yours very truly,
Chas. S. Parnell.

The subtext was just as suggestive: if Gladstone's new ally had condoned the activities of assassins and dynamiters, the results of the revelation for British party politics could be explosive.

As it happened, the explosion was deferred. Parnell repudiated the letter as a forgery — in public with icy disdain, in private with equally characteristic offhandedness ("I did not make an 'S' like that since 1878"). The detonation really went off more than a year later. The letter had appeared in a *Times* series called "Parnellism and Crime", accusing the Irish Party of revolutionary and terrorist links; another Irish MP entered a bizarrely-conducted libel suit against the paper, which brought a further cache of letters to light. These implicated Parnell and the constitutional movement even more sensationally, connecting them with the underworld of assassinations during the Land War of 1879-82. This time he had to do something.

The kind of investigation that emerged surprised most people, and shocked many: the Conservative government forced through, not a select committee to look into the charges against a specific MP, but a full-blown special commission to investigate the *Times* case against the entire record of the Irish parliamentary and agrarian movement. Infuriated though he was, Parnell had to accept it. But the manoeuvre raised questions of government collusion which remain essentially unanswered.

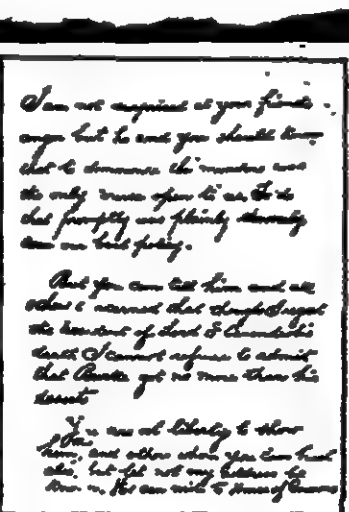
It was in the government's interest to smear the Liberals' new ally by connecting him with illegal activity, and they pursued the case without inhibition. W.H. Smith, Leader of the House, and First Lord, conferred closely with John Walter, proprietor of *The Times*,

PARNELLISM AND CRIME

MR. PARNELL AND THE PHOENIX-PARK MURDERS.



The *Times* headline of April 18, 1887, and part of the letter that set out to incriminate Parnell (left) and damage his Home Rule alliance with Gladstone



at a suspiciously early stage of the proceedings: the Conservative Attorney-General asked for the paper both in the libel case and during the commission's proceedings; Smith was forewarned of the publication of the original letter, timed to coincide with the crucial vote on the government's Irish coercion bill; the Home Secretary supplied the paper with details of the Land League's activities in 1882. English political tactics, as well as Irish political reputations, reared on the *Times* campaign to link Parnellism with crime.

Curious, then, that the lynchpins of "evidence" were crude forgeries, purchased from a notorious ex-Fenian journalist called Richard Pigott, who apparently ran them off to order. They had been obtained by an excitable but boneheaded young Irish Unionist who had worked for *The Times* in Dublin, and were accepted by the paper with extraordinary little validation.

Even before the commission began its endless sittings, most insiders guessed the exact provenance of the letters — notably intelligent Irish Tories, who agonized over the mistake the government was making. As Lord Morris wrote to his friend Randolph Churchill, if anyone in England really wanted to know who wrote the letters they could have been told (as he himself had been) by the first man they would have met in Ireland: Davy, the news-vendor who greeted the mailboat at Kingstown Pier. Even by Dublin standards, Pigott and his works were evidently an exceptionally open book.

None the less, the great inquiry went ahead — giving the Attorney-General the chance to arraign the entire Irish Parliamentary Party and rake over the ashes of the Land War. Peasants, politicians and unmarked government spies proceeded through the witness box, fervently recorded by the diarists like Gladstone's gushing

daughter Mary. Finally, amid ill-concealed expectation, Pigott took the stand — looking, said the *Birmingham Daily Post*, like "a comely composed and rather cheery Father Christmas". After some sardonic display, the defence counsel, Sir Charles Russell, asked him to write out certain words which appeared in the incriminating letters; Pigott obligingly condemned himself by reproducing his mis-spelling of "hesitancy". That weekend he signed a couple of contradictory confessions, fled to Madrid, and blew his brains out in the Hotel Embajadores.

For public purposes this was the end of the affair, though the taking of evidence dragged on for months. The results were momentous. Parnell was vindicated and became a public lion (as well as probably the only man who has ever affected not to notice a standing ovation in the House of Commons); *The Times* lost £200,000, and its reputation for infallibility. The government was hardly less discredited though not as much as if the full extent of its collusion had been discovered. In fact, the commission's report did effectively link elements of the Land League with organized crime: "really, between ourselves, just what I would have said myself", confided Parnell. But given the Grand Guignol finale of the forgeries issue, no one really noticed.

A century later, reading the evidence supplied (or hinted at) by that odd parade of witnesses, several points arise. How far did the thing originate from a still undiscovered clique of Dublin Unionists? How deeply involved was Robert Anderson, head of the CID, who worked hard behind the scenes in the interests of *The Times* and actually wrote some of the "Parnellism and Crime" articles? Can *The Times*, or the government, really have believed its case? (Few others did.) Why did Pigott collapse so swiftly — almost

to order? Was it a damage-limitation exercise? With a lifetime's newspaper work behind him as compositor, sub-editor and editor, would he really have made elementary spelling mistakes? (An intriguing rumour suggests that some of his recently discovered correspondence is innocent of such blemishes.) His recanted confession, made before his flight and claiming he had not written all the letters, has always been seen as a false trail: what if it was the correct one?

Finally, there is one exception to the generalization that everyone assumed Pigott was the culprit. The exception is Parnell himself, and his prime suspect was his mistress's husband, Captain Willie O'Shea. O'Shea, originally a plain, had already brought political embarrassment upon himself by his close association with Parnell; he worked closely with his patron, Joseph Chamberlain, to expedite the commission; he gave evidence as damningly as he could. (A year later, again after consultation with Chamberlain, he would enter the fatal divorce suit that ruined Parnell.) And, most intriguing of all, he travelled to Madrid the day before Pigott, and was there when he committed suicide.

Not even the most dedicated revisionist historian, or the most assiduous PhD student, could rehabilitate faith that the letters were genuine. But the mystery which still hangs around the edges of the affair could inspire a satisfying melodrama, rather in the manner of Wilde's *Collins* crossed with the later *Trollope*. Alternatively, the task of providing a hypothesis about the real plot behind the forged letters might form an absorbing literary competition, mounted in these pages, perhaps?

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The author has written biographies of Parnell and Randolph Churchill, and is completing a *Pelican History of Modern Ireland*.

Woodrow Wyatt

Not enough just to be black

Sharon Aitkin is Labour's black parliamentary candidate for Nottingham East. At the recent Birmingham rally in favour of black sections in the Labour Party she said: "I don't want a parliamentary seat if I can't represent black people... I want to fight with black people for black people and myself and all of my kind. I don't give a damn about Neil Kinnock and the racist Labour Party."

At the last Labour conference a resolution demanding separate black sections was defeated on a card vote by nearly five to one. This has not deterred Sharon Aitkin and other non-white Labour parliamentary candidates. Mr Kinnock is reacting sharply and it is suggested that means may be found of preventing Sharon Aitkin at least from proceeding with her official candidature. There must also be Labour fears over other black candidates, not least Bernie Grant, the leader of Haringey Council, who may suffer a white backlash in the normally safe Labour seat of Tottenham because of his remarks about the police getting "a bloody good hiding" during the Broadwater Farm riots.

The non-white vote is now approaching 5 per cent of the total, enough to be decisive if it went the same way in a close-run general election. Half the non-white voters originate in the Indian sub-continent; a quarter are of West Indian or Guyanese origin; the rest are of African, Arab or mixed descent. In 52 constituencies the non-white vote is above 15 per cent. Eleven of 14 London boroughs where more than 15 per cent of the population is non-white are Labour controlled. Unfortunately for Labour the behaviour of some of these councils, with their aggressive anti-racistist thought police-style policies in schools and elsewhere and their encouragement of abnormal sexual activities have alienated many of the whites.

The feelings and aspirations of the non-whites seem to many to have been elevated above those of the majority whites. They are outraged that indigenous English children are forced to learn Eastern languages and that the Bradford headmaster Ray Honeyford should have been persecuted for pointing out the difficulties for white children in predominantly non-white schools. The Commission for Racial Equality doubtless means well but its effect is to create more segregation and less integration with its strident racism cloaked as anti-racism.

The position of non-whites in Britain is quite different from that in the United States. The 28 million or so blacks in the US never asked to go there; mainly they are descendants of slaves captured by white traders and sold to them by callous African chiefs. No non-whites have been compelled to come to Britain; they came because they thought conditions would be better than in their homelands. Common sense surely dictates that they should adjust to us and not the other way round.

Labour has been identified with

the demand for special privileges for the newcomers and with promises to increase their numbers should there be a Labour government. That is probably not even in accord with the wishes of the coloured population already here, particularly those from Asia, many of whom dislike being called black. They realize that substantial increases in the non-white population would dangerously strain the tolerance of the whites. The British Social Attitudes survey found that 32 per cent of white Labour voters and 42 per cent of Tory voters confessed to being racially prejudiced. The current ethos is much against admitting being racially prejudiced so it may be assumed that considerably more are than say so.

The more the separatism of the coloured population is accentuated the greater will be the difficulty of achieving lasting racial harmony. I believe that this lies behind Mr Kinnock's praiseworthy determination to prevent separate black sections in the Labour Party, though this is not how he expresses it. They are not the same as sections for women or youth which are multi-coloured and emphasize the similarities, not the differences of interest, between the races. Black sections are an abrasive challenge to the rest of the community and when their leaders, by the quirk of local government elections, achieve power in local councils they demonstrate that dramatically.

It is legitimate for coloured citizens to vote Labour because they think Labour would be better at reducing unemployment or distributing social security benefits, but not because they hope that Labour will help them to set up coloured enclaves more or less at war with the whites. Apart from alienating white voters it would not be good election tactics for Labour to seem to be saying this. Asians, with the same indigenous British, have similar economic desires and patriotic instincts. There must be growing numbers of Asians who believe that the Conservative Party is a better bet for the lifestyle they want than Labour or the Alliance. Nor is the black, as distinct from Asian, vote necessarily fertile ground for Labour. It is estimated that as few as 50 per cent of the young blacks entitled to vote have registered as against 90 per cent of the population as a whole.

There are probably half a million Jews in Britain; there are 30 Jewish MPs and four cabinet ministers. But it does not matter that Jews are disproportionately represented in Parliament. They are integrated into British society, hold varying political views and, when elected, do not claim to put those of their faith above the rest.

Certainly, we should have coloured MPs, but only those whose allegiance is to the entire nation and not to sections of it. The more that coloured candidates convince the electorate that this is their stance the more likely they are to be selected, and the better the prospects for racial harmony.

Joseph Connolly

How to make a slow buck

Free enterprise is a fine thing, but it doesn't come cheap. I discovered this when I inquired into the possibility of making some money without first having to spend a good deal more. I don't understand finance, having only recently come to terms with this decimalization business, and so I turned for guidance to a professional adviser who was said to know everything.

These people charge by the second when you telephone them, so it is very important to get across one's queries as concisely as possible, and pray the replies are pithy; such pleasantries as "Good morning, how are you?" can wipe out one's available resources before the chat even begins.

"Want make money," I opened. "See," the expert procrastinated. "And initially, for investment purposes, what monies do you have at your disposal?"

"Got no monies. Want make monies."

"So you are not considering a portfolio?"

"Do it every day — also Entrepreneur. Don't win."

"Well, without assets I really fail to see how I can advise you. My primary function is to ensure that your capital attains the very best return while incurring minimal risk. Could you see your way to raising, say, a hundred thou, I should certainly endorse the acquisition of gilts."

"Guilty?"

"My yes. Of course, if we were talking real money — half a mill, say — I could direct you to an associate who could put you in touch with a colleague who would alert you to some prime residential property. Bricks and mortar are the most viable investment."

I had heard this one before and knew it to be nonsense; I have had a sack of Portland and a palette of mixed red stocks languishing in the spare room for over a year, and I doubt if they would fetch what I paid for them.

"Listen, want get money, not spend it. If had half mill wouldn't need you."

"Not necessarily true. A fool and his money are soon parted, as I am sure you have heard said."

"Never got together in first place. Come on, talk faster."

He paused for ages. "Certain sectors of society do earn a sometimes very substantial income without incurring initial outlay..."

"Tell me. Quick."

"But in general, round terms, the soundest way of assuring the acquisition of a small fortune..."

"Yes?"

"... is to invest a large one. But you could become a professional competitor. There are holidays, houses, cars to be won, all of which are convertible."

"The cars?"

"The assets. But of course you have to be fairly bright, so I think we can safely discount that avenue of thought. How about becoming a professional gambler? That strikes some as glamorous; risky, though — and then there is the matter of a stake to be considered."

"Can't afford steak; got no monies. Advise. Quick."

"Well, it seems to me that there are very few options open to a man of your — ah — qualifications. Had you considered begging?"

Not lately I hadn't — but I did give it a go one November when I was nine. I propped my Guy Fawkes against a wall, and put a cap on the pavement; someone made off with the cap — and the Guy. "We do rather appear to be reaching the bottom, then. Of course, in my professional capacity I could not be seen to recommend, or even condone, anything remotely in the way of armed robbery. Raiding a gas meter any good to you?"

"Illegal, isn't it?"

"There is always that aspect to be considered. Well, the only option left — and I put it forward only in the light of your evident desperation — is to become a writer, if you'll excuse the term."

I told him that if he had nothing more sensible to say, he had better not speak at all; what on earth, I asked him, could I possibly write about? He saw my point, but he gretted he could think of no easier way of getting money for nothing. The little matter of his fee, he assured me, would be in the post.



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SUMMER OF DISCONTENT

Plaintively, Mr Radice, the chief Opposition spokesman on education, told a fringe meeting of delegates to the NUT conference that strikes by teachers during an election campaign would damage Labour's chances. To which the NUT reply was a resounding: so what? Mr Jarvis, the union's general secretary, commented that strikes did not begin at the request of Mr Radice or the Labour Party and would not be "suspended at their request".

Meanwhile, two other white-collar unions — the Civil and Public Services Association, and the Society of Civil Servants — decided that they too had to be tough. The big mistake made in the civil service strike of 1981, it seems, was to concentrate on disrupting the Inland Revenue. Who ever heard of the public getting angry because they were being stopped from paying their taxes? It was one of the more popular strikes of those troubled years. The strike failed.

Among the early moves in the present dispute, customs officials refused to check passports or levy duties on goods to declare. Instead, they left "honesty boxes". As in 1981, the public was not enraged.

From experience, then, the unions have deduced that, to win a strike, you have to withdraw a service on which people rely — such as a bus, a train, electricity, or unemployment and social security money. Members of civil service unions provide very few

such services. But they do provide unemployment and social security money. So the unions have decided to stop those payments — temporarily at first, and in selected parts of the country, but with the threat of wider action later.

Industrial unionism's golden age — the 1970s — was founded upon such *realpolitik*. In the end, it brought Mrs Thatcher to power, new union legislation to the statute book, defeat to the miners, no more invitations to Number Ten to the union leaders, and impoverishment to the unions' funds and membership lists. But that end was a long time coming, and in the meantime the rough tactics put high wage rises into many undeserving pockets. Whatever their morality, there is no reason to fault the civil service unions' action on tactical grounds.

But those tactics mean lurid reports of soup kitchens set up by councils and voluntary organisations for the unemployed who cannot get their benefits and are hungry. In the Labour Movement's folk memory, soup kitchens are supposed to be caused by capitalism, not trade unionism. Soon the civil service unions can expect a plea from some Radice-equivalent arguing that soup kitchens during an election campaign, caused by anyone other than hard-headed employers, are bad for Labour's chances. That looks like meeting with same answer as was given by the NUT.

For the Radices, it is — on a

smaller scale — the nightmare of 1978-79. For the Labour Cabinet ministers of the "Winter of Discontent", the most ghastly image was from one of the smallest of the strikes — that of the Liverpool gravediggers. The ministers attached a terrible symbolism to the idea of the dead being left unburied. It was as if they saw it as a macabre premonition of their coming defeat. Eight years later, Mr Callaghan dwells on it in his memoirs.

Now it looks as if the symbolic image is made up of an unemployed worker returning from a closed social security office, via a soup kitchen, to a house disrupted by children sent home from a strike-bound school during an election campaign. In 1978-79, Labour was ruined by blue-collar militancy. Mrs Thatcher has stopped that, at least for the foreseeable future.

By doing so, she has benefited the Labour Party as well as others. Mr Kinnock no longer has to put the best face on some excess committed by flying pickets. But that leaves the subtler forms of force favoured by white-collar unions.

Returning to haunt the Labour leaders before an election is the dilemma which has dogged the party throughout its history. It is a party dependent on voters like any other. But it is also the party of the unions. And the unions have the power either to ruin it with the voters or be oblivious to the party's need for votes.

MAKING A MILLION

Britons have become accustomed, however reluctantly, to millionaire pop stars and, more recently, millionaire sportsmen. The era of the star corporate executive reaching for the symbolic £1 million a year is now upon us.

But the weekend revelation that directors of some private companies may be in the same pay league is likely to startle. Can these really be the oppressed small businessmen on whom successive governments have showered so much cash to save from extinction?

High personal rewards for those who develop and manage their own companies should really shock no-one. Small business and private business are by no means the same thing. What they usually have in common, however, is that managers and their families are the same as the main proprietors.

They therefore risk their capital as well as their jobs in the same enterprise. The incentive to succeed is great and the link between success and personal reward unusually direct. In the ten private companies listed as paying most to their boards in 1984-85 in the latest edition of the (privately produced) Growth Companies Register, directors' pay increased by an average of 128 per cent that year.

The tax system encourages

directors of closely-owned private companies to put their profits in their pockets. The reduction in punitive top rates of income tax has reduced the previous compulsion to dissipate income in expensive cars, insurance, bibulous afternoons or indeed anything other than pay or profits.

More straightforwardness in these matters is welcome in itself. But the lessening of private companies' tax nightmares is also essential for the economy. Studies of future employment and unemployment trends, however varied their analyses, agree on one thing. Extra jobs will need to come from new and small businesses.

The sharp rise in the rate of creation of new businesses in recent years is, therefore, one of the most encouraging features of economic recovery. In the eighties, moreover, Britain has begun to boost the numbers of the self-employed, often through necessity rather than the choice of those made redundant from jobs in manufacturing industry.

In 1979 Britain had the smallest percentage of its workforce in self-employment, at 6.5 per cent, of any leading economy except Sweden. Since then, the ranks of the self-employed have probably swelled by more than a third. Even in 1985, however,

Britain was still at the bottom of the league in the proportion of manufacturing employment in smaller firms.

The recovery in self-employment in private companies needs to continue. It will not, however, be a road to comfort and riches except for the few. The latest Inland Revenue figures suggest that only 15,000 of the near 600,000 companies submitting corporation tax returns made profits of more than £50,000, while more than half made losses. At a humbler level, the failure rate of new businesses is as high as ever. For every entrepreneur drawing a tempting salary, dozens have lost their invested redundancy pay or seen all their assets parcelled out in the bankruptcy courts.

Success in one's own business brings special freedoms and rewards not available to the employed manager. A venture capitalist who has just floated his 18 year old company on the stock market was obliged, in the process, to swap his annual pay package of more than £1 million for a more modest executive salary starting at £55,000. For the overwhelming majority, even if their business survives, the reward of independence will be working long hours to pay the most basic family bills.

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THE MINISTER AND THE COLONEL

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, returned from her recent visit to Ethiopia with two messages. One was that British government aid is being used to good effect and has made its contribution to mitigating the ravages of the 1984-85 famine; more has been pledged. The other was that aid from Britain might in future be linked to the human rights situation in Ethiopia.

Now it is pleasing to know that, so far as Mrs Chalker was able to determine from her two and a half days in Ethiopia, British aid is being effectively administered. It is even more pleasing to hear at first hand that the worst of the famine is past and that this year's copious rains presage a good harvest — although Ethiopia will be unable to feed all her people for many years to come.

Less reassuring, however, is Mrs Chalker's admonition that Ethiopia's observance of human rights might come into the reckoning in future. Even if it is accepted that the past excesses of Colonel Mengistu's regime should be consigned to history, its present performance on human rights is surely of more than passing interest.

Ethiopia's Marxist-Leninist government is currently engaged on two separate resettlement programmes. One involves the enforced transfer of

people from one end of the country to another. In so far as peasant farmers are being moved from barren to fertile land, such transfers may be justifiable. The cost of uprooting stable communities from their native areas, however, should not be underestimated. Nor should the government's political interest in moving troublesome populations from their home areas.

The other resettlement programme, while at first sight less drastic, may in the long term prove the more deleterious. Termed "villagization", it amounts to the forced collectivization of Ethiopia's agriculture. As Mrs Chalker has readily admitted, the rationale behind the transfers (sometimes over distances of less than a mile) is questionable. Should British government money be assisting Ethiopia to pursue a policy which, to judge by the results of collectivization elsewhere in the world, is acting so signally against its people's interests?

To the credit of the minister and the Foreign Office, these problems were considered in some depth before Mrs Chalker set out for Ethiopia. Other aspects of Colonel Mengistu's human rights record — among them the treatment of political opponents and the Orthodox Church — were broached, as was the eternal question of whether humanitarian aid can

CLAMP-DOWN

From Dr Robert Hancock
Sir, The exclusive club to which Dr Anthony Ashe (April 13) now belongs should soon prove very exclusive indeed. The BMA's Private Practice and Professional Fees Committee have recently met the Metropolitan Police, who recognise the long-standing agreement that cars displaying the BMA car badge, provided they are parked safely, are allowed to park so that doctors can attend to patients.

This agreement stretches back long before the advent of the dreaded clamp, but Dr Ashe is right when he says doctors are now being caused a lot of problems since the clamping units were privatised.

The Metropolitan Police have agreed to remind their staff at local level of the agreement. The BMA is reconsidering the design of the badge. I, too, am a member of this exclusive club and am concerned that its membership does not increase.

Yours faithfully,
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Tavistock Square, W.C1.
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Yours faithfully,
J. LEACH,
43 Pendle Street,
Skipton,
North Yorkshire.
April 6.

Changing the status of bishops

From the Bishop of Rochester

Sir, Your leading article, "Moving bishops" (April 15) set forth the facts of the 1976 concordat announced in the House of Commons by the then prime minister, Mr Callaghan, and later confirmed in a formal Regulation of the General Synod. The reason why the Church was "a little presumptuous" about the way the agreed arrangements would work was because it was wrongly assumed by some of those concerned that the procedure for the appointment of suffragan bishops would be seen as getting a precedent, and that the first of two names nominated would normally be taken, as it is for suffragans. It is much to be hoped that, in time, this may yet come to be the established practice under successive prime ministers and successive archbishops.

You suggest that the Church might be granted the "decisive voice" which it sought in 1976 if it were now "to negotiate the bishops out of their official bench in the House of Lords". This would have other important advantages. Any bishop given a life peerage would be in the same position as a minister of the Church of Scotland or of the Free Churches who receive such peerages, and would be able to serve for life and not have to give up his place on the bishops' bench when he retires from his bishopric.

Bishops in active retirement would find it a great deal easier to take a full part in the House of Lords than do bishops who have to be absent from their diocesan duties in order to attend Parliament at Westminster. Some of those who have retired in recent years could well have continued to make important contributions as lords of Parliament.

So long as the Lords Spiritual are an integral part of the Upper House the Lords Temporal rightly expect them to be concerned with many of the issues which are discussed and not to confine themselves to ecclesiastical matters. But it is not always realised that the House of Lords sat on 165 days in the last session for an average of over seven hours each day, and that on 93 days it sat after 10 pm. The average daily attendance of peers was 317 and the 26 bishops attended on average 20 times each, making between them 111 speeches.

The gradual evolution of the House of Lords in recent years could be taken an important stage further: if selected leaders of all denominations had the same status of life membership, the House might be better served and such an arrangement would accord with the present ecumenical scene.

More important, one of the impediments to the Church of England having a decisive voice in the appointment of its own leaders would be removed and that might have far-reaching consequences for its relations both with Roman Catholics and with free churchmen in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID ROFFEN,
Bishopscourt,
Rochester, Kent.
April 18.

From the Reverend Michael Burgess, SSC
Sir, Clifford Longley (feature, April 13) reported on Mrs Thatcher's stewardship of episcopal appointments and declares it "fair". Professor D. R. Jones (April 14) declares her "foolish" for exercising her freedom of choice on purely supposed party political interests. The Bishop of Chichester (April 14) voices my own opinion that Crowe and Parliament "hold the ring" to see fair play amongst the various traditions of the C. of E.

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Lack of funding for research

From the President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science

Sir, In his recent comments on support for scientific and technological research, Mr George Walden (feature, April 6) seems to have overlooked a basic fact. As a proportion of GDP, the British Government's funding of civil research and development is only about half that of France and Germany. Facts like these underline the grave concern scientists feel for the future of research in Britain.

Action, not words, is what is needed from the Government. A positive response to the House of Lords report on civil research and development would be a good start.

Yours sincerely,
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British Association for the Advancement of Science,
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23 Savile Row, W1.
April 16.

From Dr P. V. Jones
Sir, George Walden raises important issues about our scientific research effort ("How to halt the brain drain", April 6), but as a classicist I am worried about the implications for arts subjects.

Funding for a university from Government is already partly dependent on outside grants that it attracts, and from the look of the recent White Paper, that dependency will be increased. But I can see few, if any, ways in which arts departments can contribute to this fight for funds, and I could quite understand a scientific colleague (or captain of industry) arguing that, as a result, arts departments had little claim to them.

While no one is about to deny that science should be our priority, I should like to raise the question whether industry sees it to be in its interests to keep arts departments alive. The answer to that question may have long-term implications for what we mean by a "university" (only, after all, an alternative Latin term for "comprehensive").

Yours etc,
PETER V. JONES,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Classics,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
April 7.

From Dr R. J. A. I. Catto
Sir, Professor Douglas Jones complains of the Prime Minister's making a "political" choice between two candidates for an episcopal appointment. He assumes that the Prime Minister has no information outside the appointment commission's recommendation and that the commission is necessarily perfectly impartial; therefore the Prime Minister's choice must be biased.

Both assumptions are quite unrealistic. For at least 20 years, the trend of episcopal appointments has demonstrably been towards the "modernist" wing of the Church of England, and the inward-looking system of co-optation implicit in the agreement on the appointment of bishops makes that trend irreversible. No other organisation could tolerate such a self-appointed oligarchy. Only a determined and radical Prime Minister can restore the Church to her ordinary members.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY CATTO,
Oriol College, Oxford.

From Mr R. E. Kitching
Sir, In reply to Professor D. R. Jones, as long as bishops continue to preach political sermons they must expect to be chosen, or rejected, on political grounds. He is wrong in suggesting that "the Prime Minister has turned this (Birmingham) into a political appointment"; the bishops themselves have turned their office into a political one, and now they must take the consequences.

Yours etc,
R. E. KITCHING,
Ricall Edge,
Helmley, York.

From Mr J. G. Watson
Sir, Mr Walden's "illusion that each and every one of our 45 universities can pursue research in fields of its choosing regardless of overlap, opportunity, cash or policy" is unique to himself. No don is so illuded.

Yours etc,
JOHN WATSON, Hon Secretary,
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28 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford.

Black mark

From Mr Reginald W. Collett
Sir, In the report (April 16) about letter bombs sent to two of Mrs Thatcher's aides you report that "Police said the postmarks were not decipherable".

What on earth is the point of the Post Office using postmarks if even the police, with all their sophisticated equipment, cannot identify them? We might as well go back to the crosses used for cancellation in the days of Rowland Hill and the Penny Post.

Yours truly,
REGINALD W. COLLETT,
White Witches,
8 Mapstone Close,
Glastonbury, Somerset.

Pacifism defined

From Ms Jean Raison
Sir, "I am probably the oldest conscious and convinced pacifist alive", claims Karl Popper at the age of 84 (feature, April 11). On the contrary, there are plenty of conscious and convinced pacifists who are still alive and active well into their nineties: Fenner Brockway, who is nearly 14 years older than Karl Popper, has been a leading member of the peace movement since the beginning of the First World War.

Moreover these people are not pacifists who argue that if we wish for peace we must prepare for war, and have prepared for war and marched into it over and over again, but real pacifists, who argue that wars will cease when men refuse to fight, and who have resisted war and suffered for their work for peace.

Karl Popper may be right, and the pacifists may be wrong, but he should not take their name in vain.

Yours,
JEAN RAISON,
702 Holloway Road, N19.

From the Director of Cambridge-shire Community Council
Sir, We have received an invitation to apply for "the world's most helpful card" (American Express card) which opens "Dear Mr Community" and includes the sentiment, "you may now have reached a time in your life where you feel your achievements deserve the recognition the Card confers".

I can confirm that at 62 years of age this community council has reached a time in its life when it has considerable achievements to its credit.

What I'd like to know is how I should wear the card so that the world knows of the recognition it confers.

Yours faithfully,
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Cambridgeshire House,
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ON THIS DAY

APRIL 22 1861

Japan had signed trade treaties with the leading foreign powers in 1854-5, but opposition grew to the presence of foreigners and in 1863 the treaties were nullified. Two years later, after strong pressure backed by demonstrations of force, the treaties were renewed with the United States, Britain and France and later with Russia.

FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)
YOKUHAMA, Feb. 5.

Affairs in Japan are in a most critical state at the present moment. On the 1st of January the foreign Ministers were informed by the Japanese Government that there were some 500 or 600 Zonines, or disbanded retainers of Princes, in the neighbouring districts who were meditating a general massacre of the foreigners at Yokohama, the burning and pillaging of all their property, the murder of the consuls at Kanagawa, and the total annihilation of the various legations at Yeddo, with their inmates. They therefore proposed that all the officers of the legation should take refuge in the Tyeon's Castle, and that the consuls at Kanagawa should go over to Yokohama, where they would all be protected. This proposition was refused in toto. In consequence of this refusal, and for our protection, they filed the legation grounds with 200 or 300 Yakons (two-world officers) in the service of two Daimios. Two brass field-pieces were placed on the premises, and a very vigilant watch kept; patrols wandered about the grounds day and night, armed with spears, swords and loaded muskets. A watchword was given and changed daily. It was rather amusing to see our protection — gunkeepers-like — best the hedges and one or two little covers in our neighbourhood for Zonines. Revolvers became with us cherished *inde-mecums* — we had them at hand day and night, and practised occasionally for the purpose of acquiring a steady hand. We expected to be attacked every moment, and, as experience has proved, that not the slightest dependence can be placed on our valiant looking defenders. We prepared for the worst, fully resolved, should occasion require, to sell our lives dearly. And yet how did all this end? On the evening of the 15th of January while some of us were gaily chatting over a comfortable fire — it was a snowy, nasty night — we were astonished by intelligence from the American Minister that his secretary, Mr. Hensken, had been attacked in the public streets, and dangerously wounded, and by a request for us to come immediately to his assistance. The poor fellow was riding home from the Prussian Legation (about half a mile distant) at 9 o'clock in the evening, accompanied by three Yakons on horseback, and when, perhaps a quarter of a mile from the American Legation, he was in a narrow street, waylaid and attacked by seven armed ruffians, who from both sides of the street, with a furious howl, rushed upon him and having extinguished the lanterns the Yakons were carrying, and wounded two of their horses, succeeded in wounding poor Hensken in the abdomen, the left arm, and the back. He was, unfortunately, unarmed, so could not defend himself. It appears that he rode on for 200 yards, quite unconscious of his wounds, when he suddenly called out to his escort to stop, as he was hurt; they, however, took to flight, his groom alone assisting him to dismount. He lay in the street for nearly half an hour, when assistance came, the Yakons having given the alarm. They then carried him to his house within the American Legation grounds on a shutter. Three days after Hensken's death he was buried by the side of a forenoon at a solemn and peaceful ceremony. Her Majesty's ship Encounter brought us down to this place, about 18 miles from Yeddo, on Saturday, the 28th of January, and we have taken up our quarters at what was formerly the Yokohama Hotel, but now Her Britannic Majesty's Legation. A guard of a dozen marines has been placed on the premises.

While no one is about to deny that science should be our priority, I should like to raise the question whether industry sees it to be in its interests to keep arts departments alive. The answer to that question may have long-term implications for what we mean by a "university" (only, after all, an alternative Latin term for "comprehensive").

Yours etc,
PETER V. JONES,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Classics,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
April 7.

From Mr Christopher Morris
Sir, Your correspondent, Mr E. Armitage (April 6), has revived an old and bad suggestion — that Oxford and Cambridge should become "purely research universities".

In the course of five or six hundred years Oxford and Cambridge have learnt quite a lot about what to do with undergraduates. They have still quite a lot to learn about what to do with research students; and they could learn some of it from other British universities or from the best American graduate schools. But that is no reason why they should stop doing what in fact they do rather well.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MORRIS,
King's College, Cambridge.
April 7.

From Mr J. G. Watson
Sir, Mr Walden's "illusion that each and every one of our 45 universities can pursue research in fields of its choosing regardless of overlap, opportunity, cash or policy" is unique to himself. No don is so illuded.

Yours etc,
JOHN WATSON, Hon Secretary,
Oxford Association of University Teachers,
New Barnett House,
28 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford.

Black mark

From Mr Reginald W. Collett
Sir, In the report (April 16) about letter bombs sent to two of Mrs Thatcher's aides you report that "Police said the postmarks were not decipherable".

What on earth is the point of the Post Office using postmarks if even the police, with all their sophisticated equipment, cannot identify them? We might as well go back to the crosses used for cancellation in the days of Rowland Hill and the Penny Post.

Yours truly,
REGINALD W. COLLETT,
White Witches,
8 Mapstone Close,
Glastonbury, Somerset.

From Ms Jean Raison
Sir, "I am probably the oldest conscious and convinced pacifist alive", claims Karl Popper at the age of 84 (feature, April 11). On the contrary, there are plenty of conscious and convinced pacifists who are still alive and active well into their nineties: Fenner Brockway, who is nearly 14 years older than Karl Popper, has been a leading member of the peace movement since the beginning of the First World War.

Moreover these people are not pacifists who argue that if we wish for peace we must prepare for war, and have prepared for war and marched into it over and over again, but real pacifists, who argue that wars will cease when men refuse to fight, and who have resisted war and suffered for their work for peace.

Karl Popper may be right, and the pacifists may be wrong, but he should not take their name in vain.

Yours,
JEAN RAISON,
702 Holloway Road, N19.

Pacifism defined

From the Director of Cambridge-shire Community Council
Sir, We have received an invitation to apply for "the world's most helpful card" (American Express card) which opens "Dear Mr Community" and includes the sentiment, "you may now have reached a time in your life where you feel your achievements deserve the recognition the Card confers".

I can confirm that at 62 years of age this community council has reached a time in its life when it has considerable achievements to its credit.

What I'd like to know is how I should wear the card so that the world knows of the recognition it confers.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL R. BOND, Director,
Cambridgeshire Community Council,
Cambridgeshire House,
7 Hills Road, Cambridge.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 21: Today is the sixty-first Anniversary of the Birthday of The Queen.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Prince and Princess of Wales left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit Spain.

Miss Anne Seckwith-Smith, Sir John Riddell, Bt, the Hon Rupert Fairfax, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Victor Chapman, Surgeon Commander Ian Jenkins, RN and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened The Warwick Quadrant, Redhill.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gloucestershire Regiment, received Major General C J Waters, Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel D R Dixon on assuming the appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, leaves London today for Singapore where he will attend the 7th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Birthdays today

Mr Leo Abbe, MP, 70; Lord Alton, 72; Sir Michael Atiyah, mathematician, 58; Mr Christopher Ball, Warden, Keele College, Oxford, 52; Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 64; Mr

George Cole, actor, 62; Mr Alan Dukes, leader, Fine Gael Party, 42; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 81; Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 56; Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, 71; Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, artist, 70; the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 71; Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 59; Professor Sir Eric Scowen, physician, 77; Miss Meryl Streep, actress, 38; Sir Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 58.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alexandra will open the new Vessel Traffic Service of the Port of London Authority at the Thames Navigation Service Building, Gravesend, Kent, at 1.45; and will open Martha House, the home for physically and mentally handicapped children, at Sandwich Road, Haddington, near Deal, Kent, at 4.00.

Luncheon

H.M. Government. Mr Tim Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Ambassador of Jordan.

Dinner

Royal Society of Medicine. Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Robson, presided at a dinner held at the society's house yesterday. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir John Southworth, Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt and Dr and Mrs Alan Salts.

Banquet Club
A banquet dinner was held at St. James's Palace, London, on April 18, to aid the Campaign for the Elderly, which is a charity for the elderly.

Guests included: Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir John Southworth, Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt and Dr and Mrs Alan Salts.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon J.R.M. Hogg and Miss D.C. Raffael. The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, of Putney, London, and the late Mary Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Raffael, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr L.G.T.P. de Jerez and Miss S.J. White. The engagement is announced between Leon, only son of Don Leon de Jerez, of Madrid, and of Mrs Guilla de Jerez, of Knightsbridge, London, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Peter White, of Mauritius, and of Mrs Margaret White, of Chelsea, London.

Mr M. Dobson and Miss N.J. Watson. The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs D. Dobson, of Queen's Park, Bournemouth, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.

Watson, of South End House, Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr T.N.V. Doe and Miss S.A. Baxter. The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Captain and Mrs C.R.V. Doe, of Hayne, Manston, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Rear-Admiral G.A. Baxter, of Riverside Court, London, and Mrs P.M. Baxter, of Lodge Gardens, Gosport, Hampshire.

Mr A.S.J. Markland and Miss N.M.R. Waddell. The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Markland, of Penkridge, Stafford, and Nicola, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Waddell, Bearsden, Glasgow.

Captain J.R.L. Morris and Miss A.E. Bowley. The engagement is announced between Julian Rupert Laurence Morris, RAMC, elder son of Mr Michael Morris, MP, and Dr

Ann Morris, of Caesar's Camp, Sandy, Bedfordshire, and Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Dr Howard and Dr Dorothy Rowley, of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr H.W.A. Murray-Gourlay and Miss F.J. Rumble. The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr Brian Murray-Gourlay, of South Chard, Somerset, and Mrs Margaret Murray-Gourlay, of Stancombe, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs John Rumble, of 88 Wroughton Road, London SW11 and Keyhaven, Hampshire.

Mr D.E.G. Stevenson and Miss C.M. Johnson. The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Captain and Mrs A.R.G. Stevenson, of Seaton House, East Lothian, and Lonic, only daughter of Mr James Johnson, of Pembroke Square, London, and the late Judy Johnson.

Duke's royal picture show

Victorian photographs never before seen by the public, including intimate portraits of Queen Victoria and her family, will be shown on BBC-1 next Wednesday in a programme featuring the Duke of York.

He will introduce about 70 pictures selected from more than 20,000 collected by Queen Victoria.

Among those he finds most fascinating is an 1852 daguerotype of the Queen and five of her children, Queen Victoria, obviously not amused by her own image, had tried to rub it out with her thumb.

Prince Andrew discloses that among the photographs in the Royal collection are some of nudes. They were taken from a painting and the topless parts had to be covered up when the photographs were exhibited in 1857.



The Duke of York, with cameras of all ages. On BBC television next week he will talk of his interest in photography and of Queen Victoria's collection of photographs; about 240 are being exhibited at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace

OBITUARY

GENERAL MAXWELL TAYLOR

Soldier, scholar and strategist



General Maxwell Taylor, KBE (hon), DSC (US), one of the most distinguished American soldiers of recent times, died on April 19, at the age of 85.

He was born to lead. During the Second World War he commanded the 101st Airborne Division, leading them in the Normandy drop on D-Day and onwards across Europe through some of the fiercest fighting. Later, in Korea, his enthusiasm undiminished, he led field troops as commander of the Eighth Army.

He was not a "G.I. general" such as Omar Bradley, or a flamboyant leader such as Douglas MacArthur. He earned the respect of his men and colleagues as a cool, somewhat aloof intellectual who could also sit at a desk and make a planning paper with logic and eloquence.

His combative nature he successfully translated from the battlefield to Capitol Hill. There, after initial setbacks, he returned triumphant to devote the latter part of his military life to moulding the United States' armed forces into an instrument of national policy which did not rely wholly on massive nuclear retaliation in the face of the enemy.

Maxwell Davenport Taylor was born on August 26, 1901, at Keyesville, Missouri, a lawyer's son. After attending High School and a polytechnic institute in Kansas City, he entered the Military Academy, West Point. He was fourth in the graduating class of 1922 and was dubbed "most learned" in the senior yearbook.

He was commissioned in the Engineer Corps, and served with the 3rd Engineers in Hawaii, transferring in 1926 to the Field Artillery. In the following year he studied French in Paris, and then returned to West Point as an instructor in French and Spanish. He was a natural linguist who, by the outbreak of war, was fluent also in Japanese, Chinese, German and Italian.

After courses at the Artillery School and the Command and General Staff School, he served in Japan, returning home in 1939 to the Army War College. In 1940, now a major, he was given command of the 12th Field Artillery Battalion.

In July 1941 he became secretary to the General Staff, and a year later, now a lieutenant-colonel, was appointed Chief of Staff, 82nd Division, soon to become an airborne division. In March 1943, Brigadier-General Taylor went overseas, in command of the 82nd Airborne's artillery, and took part in the Sicilian and Italian landings.

His knowledge of Italian helped him on one of his most renowned missions. In September 1943 General Eisenhower sent him through enemy lines by British PT boat to Rome to determine whether a plan for a parachute drop on the capital should be attempted at the same time as the invasion of Italy.

Eisenhower wrote of Taylor's role in this exploit: "The risks he ran were greater than I asked any other agent or emissary to undertake during the war. He carried weighty responsibilities, and discharged them with unerring judgement". Taylor, however, returned with advice to cancel it.

This was a period when the doctrine of "massive retaliation" had many advocates, especially in the air force and the navy. But Taylor, an army man, was convinced that so inflexible a strategy provided no alternative to total war, and he became the principal exponent of the strategic thinking which urged greater dependence on conventional forces.

In 1949 he left West Point to become Chief of Staff, American Forces in Europe, and later that year was appointed the first US Commander in Berlin. In 1951 he returned to Washington as deputy chief of staff for operations, in which post he remained until 1953. Then, once again, he took up active service.

In February 1953, he took over command of the Eighth Army in Korea. There followed a difficult and frustrating period: armistice negotiations, POW escapes and the final Communist offensives, before the Korean war at last ended in July of that year.

In 1954 and 1955 Taylor was, successively, Commander of the US Forces and US and UN Commander in the Far East, until he was recalled to Washington to succeed General Ridgway as US Army Chief of Staff, which he did in June 1955.

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News from the schools

Abbots Bromley

Summer Term begins today at Abbots Bromley (School of St Mary and St Anne) (Woodard Corporation), and ends on July 9. Joanna Shackleton has been elected head girl. The choir will sing in the Pirelli Room on May 9 at 2.45 pm. Speeches, preceded by a commemoration, is on May 22 when the preacher will be the Bishop of Warrington and the speaker will be Lord Nelson of Stafford. Open day is on July 4.

Allhallows School, Devon

Summer Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Friday, July 10. The Duke of York will open the sports hall on Saturday, May 2. Combined Cadet Force annual inspection will be on Tuesday, May 19 when the inspecting officer will be Major-General C.T. Shortis. The confirmation service is on May 9, the Bishop of Crediton will officiate. Speech day will be on Saturday, July 4, when the chief guest will be Major-General Sir John Acland. Half term is from May 22 until May 26 and the Old Hobbies' cricket week begins on July 13.

Cobham Hall

Summer Term at Cobham Hall begins today. The new guardian is Cressida Blaydon. Elder day will be held at the school on Saturday, April 25; for further details contact the school secretary. There will be a performance of *Dido and Aeneas* on the evening of Wednesday, May 20, and on festival day, Thursday, May 21. Prize giving and end of term are on Sunday, July 12.

Colfe's School

Summer Term at Colfe's School begins tomorrow and ends on

July 17. Half term is May 25-29.

The Colfe sermon will be given by the Right Rev Maurice Wood, former Bishop of Norwich, at St Alfige's on June 7. Leathersellers' visitation is on June 11, the arts festival May 8-10 and the orchestral concert on May 21. The 1st XI play the OCS on July 4, and the MCC on July 8. The Chamber choir will be at Southwell Minister from August 21-27. Work has begun on the preparatory school building. Their prize giving is on July 13 and the Captain Neil MacEacharn, Clerk to the Leathersellers, will speak.

Dover College

Term begins today at Dover College and Dover College Junior School. Prize day is on Friday, May 22, when prizes will be presented by Brigadier Michael Lee, Deputy Constable of Dover Castle. Term ends on Friday, July 10. Old Doverian day is on Sunday, June 7, and the Old Doverian Club will hold its centenary ball at the college on Saturday, July 11.

Eton College

Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. There are 127 boys in the school. D.J. Slingsby, KS, continues as captain of the school and W.J.C. Christopherson, OS, as Captain of the Oppidians. Four performances of Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* will be given in the Dover Theatre on May 23, 24, 25 and 26. The Corps Tattoo will be on May 27 prior to the Fourth of June celebrations on Thursday, May 28. Long leave will be from May 28 to June 1.

The Winchester match will be played at Winchester on Saturday, June 20. The Harrow match at Lord's on Saturday, July 4, and the school closes on July 10.

Summer Term at Kelly College begins today. The examinations for academic and music scholarships take place on May 10, 11 and 12. Founder's day is on May 22 when the commemoration

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Summer Term for the twenty-four schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust begins in the course of the coming week; half term will be during the week of May 25. On May 12, a new science building at the Belvedere School, Liverpool, will be opened by Professor Graeme Davies, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University. On May 15, the new sports hall at Crofton Hill School will be opened by Baroness Sear. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the trust, will visit Sydenham High School and open the new century building on June 30.

Holmewood School

Summer Term starts today at Holmewood Preparatory School, London, N12. Highlights of the Spring Term were scholarship successes for head boy, Eric Standish (Mill Hill School) and Kien Tan (City of London School); a chess championship (Inter-schools); and two excellent performances of *Gips and Dolls*.

Howell's School, Denbigh

Howell's School, Denbigh re-opens today for the Summer Term with increased numbers, particularly in the preparatory department. Major work on two of the boarding houses will be completed for the start of the new academic year in September. Speech weekend will be in July 11/12 and the guest speaker will be Professor Brian T. O'Connor.

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Marlborough College

Summer Term at Marlborough College begins today. Peter Webb (B3) becomes senior prefect, and Angus Robb (Summerfield) captain of cricket. The junior scholarship examination will take place between May 18 and 20, and April 27 is the closing date for entries. Commemoration weekend will be June 6/7 when the preacher at the chapel services will be the Very Rev Sydney Evans. The rugby match will be at Marlborough on July 8/9. Exeat is from May 21 to 26 and term ends on July 10.

Ratcliffe College

Summer Term at Ratcliffe College starts today and ends on Friday, July 10. There will be an Open day on Saturday, May 9, from 2 pm onwards. Prize day will be held on Sunday, June 14, after the prize giving ceremony, there will be a music concert and a performance of *Pygmalion*. The Grand Match (Post v Present) will be held on Sunday, June 21, and all connected with the school are welcome to come and watch.

Westminster School

Election Term at Westminster School begins today. There are 852 members of the school, 588 in the great school and 266 in the under school. N.P. Baskin continues as captain of the school and J.G.R. Griffiths is captain of cricket. The Adrian Boulton memorial concert will be given on May 7 by Chetham's School of Music. The challenge will be held on May 18, 19 and 20. The school concert takes place on May 20. Exeat is May 22 to May 27. Performances of *Oliver* will be given on July 7, 8 and 9. The election dinner is on July 10 and term ends that day.



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Royal Mail

MR HARRY GOURLAY

Mr Harry Gourlay, Labour MP for Kirkcaldy (formerly, Kirkcaldy Burghs) since 1959, died on April 20. He was 70.

He was part of a Labour Movement tradition, which may now be dying. He believed that it was the duty of the Party and the unions to do all they could to sustain Labour governments, although that did not mean that he thought they should automatically approve of anything a Labour government did.

It followed that he placed importance on loyalty and discipline. This latter quality he also emphasized in his last office, that of Deputy Speaker.

He expected members to stay within the rules. When necessary, he would call them to order in powerful, Scottish tones. In short, he was a Labour man of the old school.

Harry Philip Haggie Gourlay was born on July 10, 1916, and educated at Sinclairtown Public School and at Kirkcaldy High School.

He left school at the age of sixteen, and his first job was as a delivery boy. He then joined a firm of coachbuilders, and by 1947 was a vehicle examiner with a local bus firm.

Gourlay joined the Labour Party in 1943, and two years later he took the job of secretary of the Kirkcaldy Burghs Constituency Labour Party.

In the following year he was elected to the Fife County Council, and, in 1947, to the Kirkcaldy Town Council, on

both of which he served until 1960.

He became a JP in 1951, and sat on the magistrates' bench from 1957 to 1959.

He took an interest in local health and education matters: he was a member of the council's hospital management committee; vice-chairman of the education committee; and a governor of Dundee College of Education.

He was also branch president of the National Union of Vehicle Builders, which became part of the TGWU, the union that sponsored him as an MP. He contested South Angus in 1955; but he was obliged to wait another four years to get to Westminster.

There, he served on the Estimates Committee (1959 to 1964) and he was, on two occasions, chairman of the Scottish Parliamentary Labour Group.

In 1964 Harold Wilson named him as one of half-a-dozen assistant whips. He held this post for a couple of years, before being appointed a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (whip).

From 1968 to 1970 he served both as deputy Speaker and deputy chairman of Ways and Means. He was a member of the Select Committee on Procedure (1974-79), and chairman of the Scottish Grand and Scottish Standing Committees from 1979 to 1981.

His wife, Margaret, whom he married in 1942, survives him. There were no children of the marriage.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

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THEATRE

LONDON

THE AMEN CORNER: Transfer from the Theatre of James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in the congregation and family. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7.30pm, £4.50-£14.50.

THE BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS: Neil Simon's vivid reconstruction of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Dorothy Tutin in an NT transfer. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tue: Holborn, Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7.30pm, £4.50-£14.50.

CABARET: Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilton meets Wayne Sleep. Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 4143/5150). Tue: Charing Cross/Covent Garden, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7.30pm, £4.50-£14.50.

COURT IN THE ACT: Gabrielle Drake snarls Michael Denison, Lee Montague and others in an energetic 1912 French farce. Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2234). Tue: Tottenham Court Road, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £2-£12.50.

THE HEAT OF THE DAY: Shared Experience's dramatization of Elizabeth Bowen's wartime novel. Covent Garden Theatre, 41 Strand, WC2 (01-836 2234). Tue: Leicester Square, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, until April 25.

THE HENRIETTA: Michael Bogdanov's impressive production of Shakespeare's Henry play with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry VIII and John Woodvine as Falstaff. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-828 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tue: Waterloo, Wed-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, £2-£10.50, tickets for all three plays £24, until May 2.

NUNSENSE: On Broadway musical set in a convent, jokes about dead nuns. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 2234). Tue: Covent Garden, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, until April 25.

THE TOURIST GUIDE: Intense emotional play about male and female in Greece by successful German playwright Doro Stenzel. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-369 4404). Tue: Highbury and Islington, Mon-Fri 8-9.45pm, £4.50-£7.

WHAT ABOUT LUV: Marti Caine in the transfer of her previous musical version of Murray Schisgal's *Luv*. Three ill-matched lovers meet on a New York bridge. Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tue: Tottenham Court Road, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, until May 2.

WHEN I WAS A GIRL USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT: Geraldine James and Julie Walters are two adolescent girls secretly entering

the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush. Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-830 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tue: Charing Cross/Covent Garden, Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.10pm, matinee Fri and Sat 5-7.15pm, £2-£12.50.

WOMAN IN MIND: Poignant autobiographical drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at her wits' end. Vuespace Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9587, cc 01-240 7200). Tue: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinee Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £2-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: The Business of Murder. Mayfair Theatre (01-829 3059). Tue: Celia New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). Tue: Celia Prince Edward Theatre (01-794 8951). Tue: Celia Prince Edward Theatre (01-794 8951). Tue: Celia Prince Edward Theatre (01-794 8951).

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WOLD: An Inspector Calls. Tom Baker plays the unexpected cast in Priestley's evergreen. Theatre Royal, County Civic Centre (0352 55114).

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Tennessee Williams implied that gays were somewhere to be found under his roof in the South, but otherwise, so far as American theatre is concerned, it is New York's all the way. *Torch Song Trilogy*, Harvey Fierstein's first success over here, with Anthony Sher in the lead, arrived along with a growing awareness of AIDS, giving this pre-Aids play a decidedly old-fashioned tone. His latest, *Safe Sex*, in which he also appears, arrives this month on Broadway, where *La Cage Aux Folles*, for which he wrote the book, is still playing. His acting career goes back 15 years to his debut with the LaMama Company, since when he has appeared in over 60 productions.

including the last weeks of the London run of *Torch Song Trilogy*. *Spookhouse* opens at Hampstead this week and is set in what we would call a ghost train on Coney Island. This is a theatrically unfamiliar quarter of the Big Apple and the play looks like being a new departure for Fierstein. The story centres on the struggle between a fortune teller (Gwen Taylor) and a welfare worker (Chris Jury), pictured above, over the future of the fortune teller's delinquent young son. Hampstead Theatre Club, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301) Tonight 7.45pm, Mon to Sat 8-9.45pm, Fri, Matinee Sat 4.30-6.15pm, £6. Membership £2.

Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, W1 (01-855 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50, £3.00, £3.50.

BALLIE CONCENTROS: Alexander Ballie, 200 in Haydn's Cello Concerto in C and Boccherini's Cello Concerto in D with the Master String Orchestra under Michael Thomas. They preface this with Mozart's Divertimento K 136. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-828 3181, cc 01-828 8800), 7.45pm, £2.50-£3.50.

TOM VERLANE: His singing is not up to much these days, and his stage-craft is a shambles, but the former servant of Television can still play that guitar like nobody else. Mean Fiddler, 25th Harrogate High Street, London NW10 (01-851 5480) 9pm, £2 (E2 members).

THE STARTLED INSECTS: Despite their pretentious name, this instrumental group from Bristol have produced a brilliant debut album, *The Sound of Silence*. The Phenomena, 100 in places of Belvoir/Lavender King Cinema. Their multi-media show, featuring electronic effects, is worth investigating. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-330 3647) 8pm, £4 (+ 50p membership).

KATE & ANNA MCGARRIGLE: The French-Canadian sisters have been parading the currently fashionable not-so-humorous and traditional folk instrumentation since their debut album in 1975. Support is Irish Bob Dylan fan, Shew Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394) 7.30pm, £2 (E2 concession), for four nights.

BLAYERS: Having swiped the riff for their hip-hop acts, Def Jam have finally got themselves a real hip-hop metal band. Slayer's guitarist Kerry King played on The Beastie Boys' album, and the band is this week's latest and most professional of the new crop of thrash acts. Hammerhead, 100 in places of Belvoir/Lavender King Cinema. Their multi-media show, featuring electronic effects, is worth investigating. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-330 3647) 8pm, £4 (+ 50p membership).

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BYZANTINUM TO EL GRECO: An unparalleled opportunity to see seventy rare icons and frescoes from remote areas of Greece. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9822), daily 10am-6pm, 2.50, until June 21.

HAJIM GABO GRAPHICS: Wood engravings and related prints from the artist's constructive sculptor's career. Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle Street, Cambridge (0223 3124), Tue-Sat 12.30-5pm, Fri 12.30-7pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until April 26.

W R SICKERT: A small and entertaining survey of work by the painter of domestic scenes and portraits who was suspected of being Jack the Ripper. Fletcher Moss Art Gallery, Stoner Lane, Oldbury, Manchester (0161-226 9422), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, (closed Tues), Sun 2-6pm, free, until July 26.

LE CORBUSIER: A career survey of the Swiss-born architect and painter who is now being blamed for all the faults of modern building. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-836 1121), Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm, free, until June 7.

WALL TO WALL: Quits, tapestries, fibre sculptures and rugs by the artist who is bringing art into the living room. Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 (01-627 7221), Tue-Sat 12-6pm, free, until May 31.

RAY WALKER: A survey of a lifetime's work by the acclaimed Socialist realist who died young in 1984. Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston (01772-58245), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until May 2.

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: A new exhibition of Dickens's London, 11am-22.5pm, £2.50-£3.50.

LEGAL LONDON - INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

A HISTORIC PLUS WALK - OLD BAILEY: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

HISTORIC CLARENCEWELL: meet Clerkenwell Heritage Centre, 33 St John's Square, London EC1, £2.50, £3.

ISLES OF COURT - ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube (ticket office), 11am, £2.

MADELINE BELL: The session singer who was once the voice of the British Invasion. 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0533), 8.30pm, £4.

WELLER-SPRING QUARTET: Saxophonist Don Weller and drummer Brian Spring operate one of the country's best hard-bop bands. Bessie Club, 35 Cornhill Street, London W1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

CHECKMATE: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet celebrates the 50th birthday of Ninette de Valois's ballet about a chess game between Love and Death. The programme also includes *Pasquella* with Merrill Ashley and Kenneth MacMillan's whimsical *Scotches*. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.30pm, £1 (bad view) £2.50-£3.50.

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THE ARTS

Money maketh religion

"Something started from the bottom of my toes saying 'I want it, I want it for me', cried the former junkie fundamentalist in *Viewpoint 87: Thy Will Be Done* (ITV). She might have been talking about a new flock, judging by the glut of materialism so far displayed during the film, but of course, she was not. What she wanted was the more long-term gratification provided by

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eternal salvation. Bearing in mind that the fundamentalists reckon that, unless Mother Theresa is born again, she will not be going to Heaven despite a lifetime of good works, it is not surprising that the tearful reformed junkie had her eye on this terrifying right-wing brand of Christianity.

The second part of Antony Thomas's startling documentary, exploring the expansion of Christian fundamentalism through middle America, concentrated on the garish pairing of spiritual and fiscal wealth. In Dallas, where there are reputedly the largest quota of millionaires in the world and the highest proportion of paid-up church members, paid-up is the operative phrase. The First Baptist Church of Dallas owns five blocks of downtown prime site and advises prospective preachers to take corrective dental measures, to have a haircut once a month and to purchase a good navy suit. When the ladies of Dallas held a prayer meeting in the drawing-room of one ante bellum mansion, the lesson for the day included the wisdom that "God said, I decided what your colour scheme should be".

It was hard to tell whether Thomas's deadpan questioning encouraged his subjects to lower their guard or whether they were so blinded by the light of conversion that they did not much care how it looked to those of us still once born. Zig Ziegler, a preacher whose powers of oratory have led to lucrative appearances at sales conventions, revealed quite happily that "The benefits of knowing Christ are now beyond calculation".

As dollars and devotion clearly joined forces, the eagerness to become one of the chosen was shown on the almost always overweight, pasty and vacuous faces of the new moral majority. (The black or hispanic faces were somewhere else over the other side of the freeway.) What they have discovered down in Dallas is that "The lesson is obvious. When you team up with God... you can ask for what you want."

Alexandra Shulman

● *Follies*, the Broadway musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Goldman, is to open at the Shaftesbury for its London premiere on July 21 (with previews from July 4). The director is Mike Ockrent.

The Vietnam experience for all the world

David Robinson meets Oliver Stone, director of the Oscar-studded box-office hit *Platoon*, which erupts upon London on Friday

Oliver Stone's first major film as director, *Selador*, had an excellent Press and practically no theatrical distribution at all. His next, *Platoon*, only a year later, has won everything—critical acclaim, a Berlin Festival prize and four Oscars following eight nominations. Since the end of December it has kept its place at the top of the box-office listings, and every week breaks records.

Stone appears neither resentful at the fate of the one nor overly carried away by the spectacular success of the other. He has been around too long for that. An unflappable, friendly, patrician man with a handsome if slightly beat-up face, he was born into a comfortably-off, Republican-voting New York family 40 years ago. His father was a stockbroker, who had married a French girl while serving as a G.I. in Europe in the Second World War. Young Oliver spent his summers in France with his grandparents, and still speaks fluent French.

He acknowledges that there was a conflict in his personality even in late adolescence. Despite his conservative background he could not stand the conformism of Yale and dropped out after a year. "I saw myself becoming what these other people were becoming," he went to Saigon for the "Free Pacific Institute" and spent a year teaching Vietnamese-Chinese students.

At 19 he was in Mexico, where he wrote a novel based on his Far Eastern experiences. Two years later he returned to Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division, and was wounded twice, in actions that are simulated in *Platoon*. Awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, he ended his military service

in the First Cavalry Division. Back home, he studied screenwriting and directing at the New York University Film School (Martin Scorsese was among the teachers) and in 1971 sold a script for a low-budget picture, *Seizure*, to a Canadian company which let him direct it himself. In 1976, he moved to Hollywood as a writer, and two years later won an Oscar for the screenplay of *Midnight Express*.

His scripts for *Midnight Express*, *Scarface* and *Conan the Barbarian*, which have been styled by the unfriendly as crypto-fascist, hardly seem consistent with the progressive, liberal, humanist sympathies suggested by *Selador* and *Platoon*. "But in those films my intentions were being interpreted by other directors," *Midnight Express* was intended as a film about injustice. Certainly the script did not contain the blanket condemnation of a whole nation which the finished film implies. Also the script had a lot of humour, which Alan Parker left out. *Scarface* was about the rise and fall of an immigrant gangster, and the tools he has to use. Both films would have been different if I had directed them myself."

He admits however that he himself underwent a change as a delayed after-effect of his Vietnam experiences. "When I went out there I definitely belonged to the Right. I sincerely believed in the war and in fighting Communism. It was only years

afterwards that I came to different conclusions. It took some time to deal with the war. I think the real change came between 1974 and 1976—the period of Watergate and the fall of Saigon. Today he calls himself a "liberal anarchist".

The script of *Platoon* was first drafted in 1976, seven years after he came back from the war. Its approach was influenced, he says, among other films by *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *Parks of Glory*, *Das Boot* and Kon Ichikawa's *Fire on the Plain*. A decade ago, no company would consider the film. Since then attitudes have changed. Not, however, in the Pentagon, to which the script was submitted in expectation of assistance from the military authorities. "Instead they were very angry about it. They said it was totally unrealistic in describing racism, rapes, drug-use, atrocities and fratricides."

"It was the same response that the finished film has had from the Right in America. We have been accused of being way over the top in describing 'fraggings'—that is the name given to fratricide, planting a fragmentation grenade beside your friendly sergeant or lieutenant. In fact in 1971 the Army authorities admitted to 585 such fratricides in the field. Since the killing of that sort is very hard to detect at the front, we are in fact probably talking about a lot of fraggings during the Vietnam war. People also find it hard to believe that at least 20 per cent of all casualties were from friendly fire. But that's a statistic too."

The cast were turned into soldiers to the best of Stone's ability. He hired a retired Marine captain and three reservists, and on arrival in the Philippines put his 30 actors through 13 days of full-scale basic field training. They carried full infantry gear, slept in two-man foxholes which they dug themselves, ate cold, plastic-wrapped army rations. They had no bathing facilities and were repeatedly wakened during the nights with action alerts. The heat, wet, dirt and red ants added to the sense of reality.

They emerged from the experience dirty, red-eyed, unshaven and resentful, and in that state were sent straight into actual shooting. "I wanted to immerse the actors into the infantryman's life and way of thinking. I hoped that subconsciously they would get the dogged, don't-give-a-damn attitude, the anger that made the approach to death and brutality so casual."

The most sanguine of the actors put down this training programme to Method, the others to Madness. Stone feels no cynicism that not so many weeks ago *Platoon*'s place at the top of the box-office charts was occupied by *Top Gun*, a film of directly opposed political intentions, and before that by *Rambo*. Optimistically he insists that this does not indicate the public's political insensitivity and vulnerability.

"You have to recognize that there is a permanent civil war in the United States. I suppose it goes right back to the American Revolution. The division between the left and the right is still as profound today. Nothing has changed at all. The country is still divided."



Stone: "I wanted to immerse the actors in the infantryman's thinking"

Stimulating use of subsidy

The arts in Spain still have a lot of catching up to do, but time is not being wasted, as Stephen Pettitt finds at the Cuenca Festival

The highlight of Cuenca's week of religious music, at least as far as British interests were concerned, turned out to be a non-event, the players of the Academy of Ancient Music having been victims of the knock-on effects of a general strike in Spain. Result: no performance of Handel's *Jithalia*. That was a pity, for cultural relations between Spain and Britain have never been better. The EEC's newest member is eager to import both music and musicians from our shores to help develop its own musical life. The presence here of the baroque group Zarabanda and of an orchestra and chorus from Austria who gave the first performance of a work commissioned from a Spanish composer, Joan Guinjoan, was evidence that charity is already well begun at home.

Cuenca's annual festival, now in its 26th year and newly admitted to the European Association of Music Festivals, is at once a flagship and a melting-pot. Spain's system of subsidy for the arts, which yields funds both from the individual devolved regions and from the profits of the savings banks, means that there is the money as well as the will-power to host festivals such as Cuenca's to flourish. There are already plans for Spain's new National Youth Orchestra to give Britten's *War Requiem* here next year. Some of its players will already have gained experience



Prodigious simplicity: father (Hans-Martin Nan, right) greets son (Górran Franssón) in the German *The Prodigal Son*

of British musical life by having taken up scholarships, financed in Spain, at the Royal Northern College in Manchester.

Cuenca, being medieval, is of course full of old churches, which often make good concert-halls. One such church—San Miguel—has already been converted for that function, though there are ambitious plans for a purpose-built auditorium in the newer part of the city. That is part of a wider scheme of things to pour more culture into a place which already has much, besides its dramatic architecture. For that, the city—and Spain—has reason to be grateful to Pablo Lopez de Osaba, the festival's director and a charismatic figure who seems to motivate everything that happens in the arts here. It was he, for example, who chose to keep an important collection of Spanish abstract art in the city despite its technical illegality under the repressions of Franco's regime. (Until fairly recently, Cuenca was considered a remote place.) The collection is now exhibited in the famous "Hanging Houses", whose balconies are precariously suspended over a sheer drop of 150 feet.

For the moment, the events of the city's music festival, which coincides with the bizarre Holy Week processions of hooded penitents and bucolic, eminently profane Good Friday celebrations, are fairly

limited in number, though not in quality, and perhaps in an age when festivals too often try to cram in too much music in too little time that is wise.

Aithalia having been scrubbed, the German camp enjoyed the triumph of the week, a concert performance on Good Friday in the church of San Pablo of the whole of the Philharmonia Hungarica under Heinrich Hollreiser. This ritual, usually fully staged at that, is of course commonplace on Good Fridays in many German towns. But few performances anywhere, let alone in Spain, can have been so marvellously sung (or taken quite as fast). Ingrid Bjoner's Kundry was powerfully moving and mysterious; Harald Stamm's Gurnemanz, Reiner Goldberg's heroic Parsifal and Fritz Grunbecher's Amfortas could hardly have been bettered as vocal or dramatic achievements. The chorus, the Orfeon Pamplones from Madrid, which also collaborated with the same orchestra in a concert of Bruckner motets, were amateurs and to be honest at times sounded like it, but once the orchestra had settled down theirs were virtually the only blotches—comparatively rare ones at that—in a deeply moving afternoon.

More modest in scale but in its way just as devout is Britain's church parable *The Prodigal Son*, which a small instrumental ensemble taken from the ranks of the Festival Orchestra of Carinthia and the Arnold Schoenberg Choir of Vienna, conducted by Erwin Ortner, gave in German. This was a simple but ingenious production by Federico Mirdia, the few props used with imagination, the devotional aspect of the story conveyed with a quiet conviction as events unfolded ritualistically. Reserve of another kind was shown by another Austrian, the soprano Monika Lenz, in her song recital at San Miguel the next day, with the acutely responsive Anthony Spiri at the piano. Even though her programme was a cleverly chosen one of sacred texts, one frequently yearned for a touch of unbridled passion. She sounded altogether too fragile for the likes of Schubert, Wolf, Hindemith or even Mozart—the rarely heard late cantata *Die ihr des unermesslichen Welthells*, K619.

THEATRE

Laburnum Grove Palace, Watford

I am glad that this old favourite about a suburban forger escaped the attention of the central London managements that have periodically tried to launch the still-awaited Priestley revival. It could easily have got buried under West End gloss or inflated into self-caricature on the South Bank.

It has found its right stage at Watford: a friendly little theatre in a locality exactly matching the comedy's north London setting; and where, even more than when Shooters Green first saw the light in 1933, the modern inhabitants of Laburnum Grove feel that something peculiar has been happening to the currency of the realm, and have cause to wonder how their apparently respectable neighbours are managing to make ends meet.

Not that Wendy Toye's production does anything to underline that kind of reference. I have previously thought of Miss Toye as an irrepressible underliner, but everything that appears on this occasion is fired by affection, unstinted detail and determination to tell a good story with an excellent cast. The shell lights, bakelite wireless and greenhouse annex of Norman Coates's set are perfectly matched by the sight of

the family's sponging relatives. They are awful; they are also real; and there is always the option of feeling something for them, even if it is no more than pity.

The play famously turns on the question of whether George Radfern, head of this quietly well-to-do household, is a respected pillar of the wholesome paper trade or whether he has met the challenge of the slump by printing his own money. He first owns up over the dinner table when it seems a way of frightening off the assembled vultures who see him as a soft touch. Priestley has prolonged fun in keeping the audience guessing. But it is quite false to think that the play's interest is exhausted once the mystery is cleared up.

Its real force lies in the comic dialogue between dishonesty and illegality. George, as he says, has never swindled anybody; but he is surrounded by supposedly upright citizens who have no compunction about running up bad debts and filching his cigarettes and kettles.

Amid such exquisite production detail, Trevor Peacock's George emerges variously as a loving parent, an amiably deadly antagonist and a wily law-beater who side-steps every interrogator by telling the exact truth. A marvellous performance, with rich support from Bridget Turner and Patsy Byrne.

Irving Wardle

LONDON DEBUTS

The repertoire of the Raphael Ensemble of London consists of string music written for an expanded chamber group. The Brahms Sextet, Op 18, was a predictable and welcome inclusion, but it was Korngold's work in the same form that proved the group to be expertly attentive regarding ensemble and overall mellowness of tone.

The pianist Sergio de los Cobos was born in Geneva, although his studies have taken him far and wide. Apart from a number of problems with memory, the impression he gives is of an honestly-equipped artist whose individuality is somewhat limited, but who is worth hearing all the same. Both the Ginastera Sonata and Liszt's First "Mephisto" Waltz displayed a muscular control of technique and sensible musicality.

The Beethoven Trio from Vienna have been playing for six years or so, and in that time they have developed a near-perfect, and yet relaxed, balance. The pianist, Christiana Karajeva, was completely untroubled by the technical complexities of Bartók's Five Short Pieces (1931), and the Scherzo from Brahms's Trio in B. Op 8, had a magical delicacy of touch.

James Methuen-Campbell

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USM (Datastream)
162.84 (-0.28)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6350 (+0.0050)
W German mark
2.9626 (+0.0115)
Trade-weighted
72.5 (+0.1)

**US arm of
Northern
Foods sold**

Northern Foods, the Hull food producer, is selling its US carpet cleaning operations. This is the latest step in a restructuring plan in which Northern has boosted its presence in its traditional areas of meat, dairy and bakery production in Britain while rationalizing its US interests.

EIS up to £7m

EIS Group, the engineering holding company, announced its 16th consecutive year of growth, with pretax profits of £7 million for the 12 months to the end of December, up from £5.5 million in 1985.

Concrete deal

Cosain Group has bought Charcon Tunnels, a manufacturer of concrete tunnel linings, from FIC Lilley for £4.3 million in cash.

Tour firm sold

International Leisure Group has bought Hournmont Holdings, a Bristol-based tour operator, specializing in the schools market.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2270.17 (-0.43)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	23888.10 (-9.12)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2713.38 (-7.78)
Amsterdam	AEX	284.4 (-1.8)
Sydney	ASX	1783.3 (-1.2)
Frankfurt	DAX	1813.5 (-3.8)
Brussels	General	n/a
Paris	CAO	n/a
Zurich	SKA	n/a
London	FT-A	n/a
FT-B	FT-B	90.16 (-0.20)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Ward Holdings	499p (+10p)
T. Co.	445p (+10p)
Central TV	503p (+12p)
Southern Stadium	523p (+15p)
Chambers & Fergus	100p (+7p)
St. West	640p (+10p)
Pittard Group	289p (+13p)
Boase Massani	355p (+10p)
Attwoods	322p (+8p)
Imry Intl.	505p (+20p)
Cons. Gold	990p (+17p)
RTZ	918p (+15p)
Dobro Holdings	322p (+8p)
Laurence Gould	165p (+25p)

FALLS:	
Lucas	562p (-7p)
Seacham Group	483p (-14p)
Royal Insurance	872p (-16p)
British Aerospace	625p (-5p)
Wellcome	425p (-17p)
Shell	1140p (-25p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9 7/8-9 7/8%
3-month eligible bills 9 1/2-9 1/2%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7 3/4%
Federal Funds 6 3/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.55-5.54%
30-year bonds 8 1/2-8 1/2%

CURRENCIES

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£: DM2.9626	£: Sfr1.4925
£: Sfr2.4353	£: FF6.0400
£: FF6.8468	£: Yen142.35
£: Yen142.35	£: Index: 100.9
ECU £0.70250	SDR £1/a

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London Fixing:
AM \$454.30 pm \$449.50
close \$447.50-448.25 (273.75-274.50)
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Comex \$447.60-448.20

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THE TIMES

**Barclays faces
cash rebellion**
**£210m share offer
angers institutions**

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank expects stiff opposition at its annual meeting today from institutional shareholders who object to the bank's plan to raise more than £210 million of new capital in New York and Tokyo.

New guidelines on the vexed question of pre-emption rights on share issues will be thrashed out tomorrow at a meeting of the life insurance offices, the most influential group of institutional investors on the London stock market.

Barclays expects to receive shareholder permission to go ahead with the share offering, despite the failure of similar proposals by Fisons and CH Beazer last week. Fisons had to scrap its offering and Beazer yesterday announced that it was halving its proposed 34.5 million share offering and adjourning its extraordinary meeting until May 5.

Barclays claims a large measure of support for its plans. It requires 75 per cent acceptance of an ordinary resolution to renew the disapplication limit under which shareholders waive their rights to issues of less than 5 per cent of the

company's authorized share capital. The offering contains no "clawback" for existing British shareholders, effectively denying their rights to any of the shares. One angry institutional investor, investment manager said: "Barclays is stealing our rights as shareholders."

The institutions reacted angrily to Barclays' announcement of the offering last Thursday, which amounts to about 4.7 per cent of its authorized share capital.

Comment

Some complained that the announcement went out only after many proxy votes agreeing to the resolution had been sent in for the annual meeting. Mr Richard Lyng, assistant secretary of the Association of British Insurers, said: "If the institutions had known about this earlier, they might have voted differently."

Fisons and CH Beazer asked shareholders for a special resolution on their proposed share offerings but Barclays is merely asking for

the annual renewal of its 5 per cent disapplication limit.

A Barclays spokesman said: "At the moment we are within the existing guidelines laid down by the Investor Protection Committee as regards pre-emption rights."

Although the proposed Barclays share offering would not exceed 5 per cent of its share capital, institutions believe that it goes against the purpose of the disapplication concession.

A senior institutional investment manager said: "Companies are taking advantage of certain concessions and we are finding that disapplication limits are being used for reasons other than the ones for which they were introduced."

Tomorrow's meeting of life offices is aimed at producing more precise rules governing pre-emption rights to be issued to companies early next week.

Some institutions regard Barclays' behaviour over the share offering as clumsy and arrogant in not informing shareholders of it earlier. Others view it as an unfortunate accident of timing.



Richard Lyng: 'patience becoming very frail in Washington'

**'Harsh retaliation'
warning to Japan**

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese trade negotiators failed to understand the seriousness of protectionist sentiment in the United States, Mr Richard Lyng, the US Secretary of Agriculture, said yesterday.

The situation was explosive, Mr Lyng said, warning that the US was perhaps on the verge of "some very harsh, mandatory retaliation laws" which would cause serious problems for trade relations between the US and its partners.

Mr Lyng said the main purpose of his visit was to

emphasize that patience "is beginning to become very frail in Washington."

On agricultural policy, Mr Lyng said the US had held off action on Japanese imports of rice in the hope that Japan would take action by July or August, "but no action has taken place."

The US was not seeking total liberalization of the Japanese market but "some access." In view of its huge trade surplus Japan could not afford to hold a protectionist view of rice or any other commodity, he said.

**'Lift import
tariffs' plea to
Reagan**

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Japan's special envoy, Mr Shintaro Abe, yesterday appealed to President Reagan to lift the tariff sanctions against Japanese imports as a political gesture to Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, who faces growing domestic unrest.

During the White House meeting, Mr Abe delivered a letter to the President from Mr Nakasone. Mr Abe, the former foreign minister, had hoped to persuade Mr Reagan to lift the sanctions prior to Mr Nakasone's visit next week.

But White House officials said in advance of the meeting that there was virtually no chance that the sanctions on \$300 million (£180.72 million) worth of electronics goods would be lifted before the visit next Wednesday.

Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, who keeps a close watch on the mood in Congress, said the President expected Mr Abe to put forward new, specific proposals that would allow the two countries to resolve their growing trade problems.

"I hope that Mr Abe and Mr Nakasone come with something concrete to discuss. It ought to be more than just a friendship meeting. My hope

is that Mr Abe will bring us some ideas that can be pursued by the Prime Minister and the President," he said.

Both Japanese and US officials said they did not expect any announcements until after Mr Nakasone arrived for his state visit.

But Mr Baker outlined the US expectations for the meetings. "The Japanese, hopefully, will come with measures that ease the tensions, reduce the likelihood of a protectionist trade Bill and even permit the President to rescind his recent proclamation on semiconductors. I doubt that it will happen that fast, but the process needs to start," he said.

Mr Baker indicated that the White House was not prepared to make a political gesture to Mr Nakasone unless he "moves on the trade front."

Officials from both governments expressed concern yesterday that expectations for the meetings have been raised too high. "Japan may propose market-opening measures but they are not likely to be dramatic and Congress will continue to press the Administration for either more sanctions or more concessions," said a high-level US official.

**US starts talks on
Chinese imports**

From Robert Grieser, Peking

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, arrived in Peking yesterday to attend annual Sino-US trade talks that are expected to focus on American concerns about its imports of Chinese textiles.

Mr Baldrige is to confer with Mr Zheng Tuobin, the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

This week, the official Peking Review magazine praised Mr Baldrige for urging a relaxation of controls over high-tech exports to China, but said the US last year approved only 60 per cent of

the technology items for which China had applied.

China exported nearly \$2 billion (£1.23 billion) of textiles and clothing to the US last year, surpassing Taiwan as the largest supplier to the US.

The Chinese have tried to stay one step ahead of US quotas, which cover about 75 per cent of US-bound exports, by moving into different textile and apparel fields. The country has, however, reportedly exceeded quotas in a few categories this year and has circumvented some by shipping through Hong Kong.

Gold leaps to four-year high at \$454

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The price of gold rose to a four-year high of \$454.30 (£277.60) an ounce yesterday at the morning fixing followed by \$449.50 in the afternoon.

Traders are now beginning to detect a strength in the gold price independent of the weakness of the dollar. In sterling terms it has been rising for the past three weeks and has shown a rise in terms of the mark and French franc. Only in yen is it still weakened

ing due to the currency's strength against the dollar.

Silver, which led the upward move in gold, was also buoyant yesterday with a fixing price equivalent to \$7.84 an ounce.

In foreign exchange markets the dollar moved in a narrow range yesterday closing in London at about ¥142.30. This was about 0.4 yen lower than the pre-weekend close but in line with trading in the intervening sessions in Tokyo and New York.

Mr Stephen Lewis, the economics director of the stockbrokers Phillips and Drew, said: "People are harbouring one last hope that when Reagan and Nakasone meet they will patch up a top-level agreement involving some real policy movement on the part of Japan."

The markets are also waiting to see the US GNP figures due tomorrow. Growth of less than an annual rate of 2.75 per cent to 3 per cent would increase the chance of a cut in US interest rates, making the

dollar less attractive.

Sterling was firmer at \$1.6352, up 0.6 cents and DM2.9609, up half a penny. The effective exchange rate index rose 0.1 to 72.5 against its previous London close. Gifts eased by £0.25, a relatively good performance compared with the three-point drop in US bond prices since before the weekend. Share prices on Wall Street fell sharply as anxieties about the US economy continued. In London, the FT 30-Share index closed off 8.4 at 1531.9.

BR hopeful of Channel pact

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Negotiations between Eurotunnel and the French and British railways resumed yesterday, with British Rail hopeful that agreement can be reached by the May deadline on how much the railways will pay for taking half the capacity of the planned fixed link.

Both sides are standing firm but a British Rail spokesman said a deal could be "within sight" and that progress had been made over the past week towards resolving the deadlock.

Eurotunnel said talks would continue in London and Paris and added: "It is now a question of commercial facts of life."

The Channel tunnel consortium has given warning

on technical and cost grounds, but it said yesterday it would not hold out on this if it was blocking a settlement.

Its spokesman added: "We want the tunnel as much as anybody." British Rail plans to invest £400 million in trains, track improvements, and station facilities for the fixed link.

The Government has rejected calls from Eurotunnel for the Department of Transport to force a settlement on British Rail and insists the agreement is a commercial matter to be resolved by the three parties.

Earlier this month Eurotunnel delayed a £750 million international public share sale from July until the autumn.



Timothy Aitken: the growth continues

Goodison urges more non-executive directors

Boardroom code 'a watershed'

By Joe Joseph

Chairmen of public companies will today receive a letter from Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, urging those whose boards are not already leavened with some non-executive directors to appoint some fairly soon. Those who have some are advised how best to use them.

The recommendation is the crux of a new code of practice published yesterday by the Promotion of Non-Executive Directors (Pro Ned), a group which, buttressed by worthy sponsors such as the Bank of England and the Confederation of British Industry, has spent the past five years trying to promote the cause of independent non-executive directors.

The code, targeted at companies with a turnover above £50 million or employing more than 1,000 people, will not be compulsory, at least "not at this stage," Sir Nicholas said. "But we have found in the past that recommended codes usually become practice very quickly," he added.

Launching the new code, Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Pro Ned, said:

"We regard this as a watershed. We have always believed in the importance of the right kind of non-executive director. Now that our belief is expressed in a code, supported by all our sponsors, we feel poised to spread our message a great deal further."

The code's backers agreed the recent turmoil at Guinness had highlighted the danger of keeping non-executive directors in the dark and the dramatic impact such directors could have when they chose to flex their muscles.

Non-executive directors played an important role in eventually dismissing Mr Ernest Saunders, Guinness's former chairman and chief executive. Sir Norman Macfarlane, formerly one of the brewing firm's non-executive directors, was subsequently appointed chairman. But Pro Ned said the new code was aimed as much at highlighting how non-executive directors could stimulate a company's executives with fresh ideas as at showing their usefulness in restraining headstrong chairmen.

Although the new code has come rather late in the life of the Pro Ned lobby, Sir Nicholas insisted it was not a

response to the still-unravelling Guinness saga. But he said the Guinness affair underlined the need for non-executive directors and the impact they could have if given the tools to do their job properly.

His letter to chairmen said: "Events since I last wrote to you have, if anything, made the need for public boards to examine their composition even more important."

Pro Ned's code of recommended practice said the main tasks of outside directors, who should comprise about one third of the board, "are to contribute an independent view to the board's deliberations; to help the board provide the company with effective leadership; to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the executive directors and management; and to ensure high standards of financial probity on the part of the company."

It adds: "If they are to succeed in these tasks, the non-executive directors will need to enjoy the full support of the chairman, and will need to be provided with the information which in their view they require in order to carry out their duties."



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BUSINESS SUMMARY

OFT likely to clear Ordnance purchase

The Office of Fair Trading is today expected to clear the £190 million purchase of Royal Ordnance by British Aerospace despite complaints from a number of smaller defence contractors that the deal would reduce competition and give BAe a near-monopoly in making major missile systems. The sale, one of the Government's most troublesome privatisations, was originally scheduled to be completed by the Easter parliamentary recess.

Prior claim ruled out

Mrs Judith Lyons (right), the solicitor representing 300 British Gas shareholders who are creditors of Prior Harwin, the liquidated dealer, has been told that her clients will not be able to recover compensation from the defunct British Institute of Dealers in Securities. A BID spokesman said Prior ceased BID membership 18 months ago and no compensation fund had actually been set up.



Agreed bid for Minty

Mr Stephen Fussell, chairman of the Priest Marjans property investment group, has joined a consortium which has launched an agreed bid for Minty, the Oxford furniture maker.

The bidders, led by Mr Philip Haigh, who will become chief executive of the loss-making company, are offering £6.75p a share and have already bought 39.7 per cent of the issued stock. The deal values the company at about £2.7 million. Mr Fussell becomes non-executive chairman of Minty, which will continue as a quoted company after a placing of its shares with institutions. The company lost £108,000 in the six months to end-July.

Robertson to buy Gould Alphameric purchase

Robertson Research is making an agreed £33.73 million bid for Laurence Gould at three Robertson shares for each Gould. Irrevocable acceptances have been received for 52.4 per cent of Gould which announced a final 2.3p 1986 dividend, making 3.8p (3.6p) on a trading profit of £398,000 (£348,000).

Alphameric has issued 500,000 shares valued at £1.5 million to buy Real Time Developments from Mr Greg Walker, its chairman and managing director, who is to remain in that post. RTD has been consistently profitable. Turnover in the year to November 30, 1986, was £1.5 million with pretax profits of £60,000.

STOCK MARKET

Dollar worries send shares into retreat

By Cliff Feltham

It was a disappointing time yesterday for dealers returning from their Easter holidays, hoping to see shares continue the rally which occurred at the end of last week. In desultory trading, equities generally drifted lower, not helped by a weaker dollar.

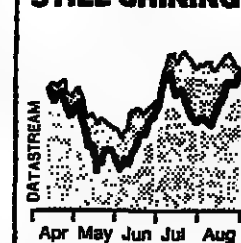
At the close, the FT-SE 100 index finished 9.2 points lower at 1,940.2, having been off 17.7 points at one stage. The narrower-based FT 30 index also had little to cheer about and closed 8.4 down at 1,531.9.

Worries about the dollar and a rise in US interest rates knocked half a point off longer-dated gilts.

With bullion prices benefiting from the weakness of the dollar, the heavyweight gold-mining stocks showed advances of up to \$6.

British Gas, strongly backed by Japanese buying, advanced 5p to 97p. Bechtel, an out of support after a number of brokers trimmed their forecasts, easing 13p to 48p. Fisons, still smarting from the decision to call off its international share placing, lost 2p at 618p, while Wellcome dipped 14p to 428p.

Virgin, which is expected to announce an acquisition worth about £5 million today, may be on the brink of finding a home for his near 30 per cent stake in the business.



was 1p easier at 164p. Stead and Simpson, the footwear retailer, jumped 75p to 625p, sparking off speculation that Ward White's Mr Philip Birch better at 330p, settled at 323p, down 5p on the session.

The possibilities of a takeover bid for Sun Life Assurance continued to drive the shares higher, up another 5p yesterday to 1,135p.

The favourite to move into the driving seat remains Liberty Life, the South African insurance conglomerate, which holds a 25.7 per cent stake in Sun Life and is trying to get three of its own nominees on to the board.

But persistent speculation also surrounds the TSB Group, which is keen to make a big move into the financial services area.

Elsewhere in the sector, Commercial Union eased 3p to 309p, while Royal Insurance, unsettled by threats of a premium price "war" in the United States, came back 16p to 872p.

CH Beazer, the housebuilder, appeared to weather the storm over its proposed £80 million placing of shares in the US, rising 6p to 230p.

Marks and Spencer was 3p firmer at 212p ahead of figures next month.

Breweries were mixed. Allied-Lyons eased 3p at 377p and Bass came back 5p at 872p, despite being the weekend tip of one broker to do especially well if the summer trading turns out to be good for

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,500	English Chime	603	Rank Org	1,200
Amstar	1,800	Fisons	615	Rank Hovis	588
Anglo	1,100	Gen Academi	312	Reckitt	1,000
ASDA-Mat	2,300	Grand Met	3,300	Reckitt Colman	72
Asa Br Foods	185	Glen	791	Reed Int	738
BET	215	Globe IT	495	Reuters	211
BTH	948	Granada	1,300	RMC Group	180
BAT	2,000	Grand Met	1,700	RTZ	2,700
Banbury	1,000	GUS 'A'	373	Rowntree	381
Bass	213	GUS 'B'	225	Royal B of Scot	185
Bechtel	3,100	GKN	801	Royal Ind	384
Blue Cross	5,400	Guinness	2,800	Sainsbury	217
BOC	2,000	Hamm	7,000	Sainsbury (J)	308
Boots	699	Hawker Siddeley	480	Sears	5,100
BPI Inc	189	Hitachi	3,400	Sealed Air	347
BRCC	209	Imp Chem Ind	888	Shell	2,400
Br Aerospace	1,200	Imp Chem Ind	183	Sherrill & Hephew	374
Br Airways	17,000	Jaguar	1,000	STC	4,400
Br Comm	59	Lacoste	813	Stan Chart	117
Br Gas	56,000	Land Securities	2,100	Storehouse	2,300
Br Petroleum	1,800	Legal & Gen	304	Sun Alliance	312
Br Telecom	5,200	Lloyds	2,500	Tarmac	253
Britoil	2,300	Lombard	740	TSB PYP	1,500
Burl	381	M&S	3,300	Tesco	818
Burns	2,400	NEPC	1,200	Thorn EMI	417
Cable & Wireless	1,200	Midland	1,000	Traveler House	308
Cadbury Schwepp	1,700	Nest West	1,600	Trusthouse Forte	588
Carson	28	P & O Dred	382	Unilever	280
Costa Vytella	328	P&O Dred	382	Unilever	180
Com Unison	165	P&O Dred	382	Unilever	180
Cone Goods	1,000	P&O Dred	382	Unilever	180
Cookson Grp	41	Plessey	2,600	Unilever	180
Courtauld	1,300	Prudential	173	Unilever 'A'	195
De Corp	4,800	Racal Elcat	3,000	Woodward	1,100
Dixons Grp	758				

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Profit jump brightens picture at TV-am

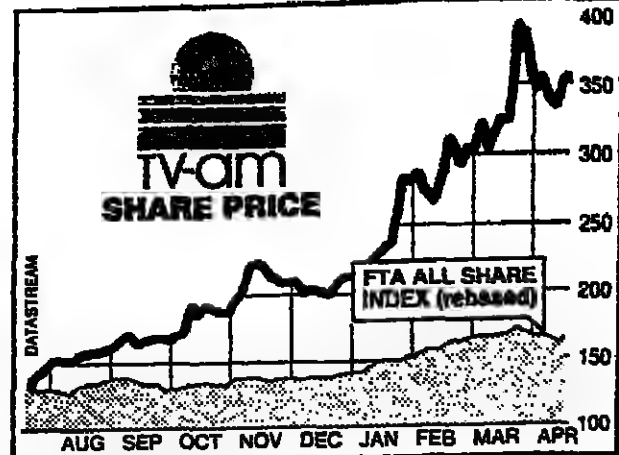
Since TV-am's well-publicized difficulties when it first went on the air in 1983, the independent breakfast television station has staged a remarkable comeback.

So completely has the company recovered from its disastrous early days that the management's profit forecasts, made when the company successfully went public last July, now look hopelessly pessimistic.

Preliminary results released yesterday showed that pre-tax profits for the year to January 31, were nearly double those of the previous year and were a full £1 million ahead of the prospectus forecast.

Breakfast television has benefited from the buoyancy of advertising revenues generally, but for TV-am there has been the added lift of the increasing acceptance of breakfast television as an advertising medium.

TV-am is also becoming very popular with the viewers. It now has a weekly reach of 14 million over the seven days it broadcasts and a peak audience of 2.7 million. The BBC's breakfast programme, in contrast, has a peak audience of 1.2 million. TV-am



now claims an audience share of 75 per cent, compared with 65 per cent at the time of the float last summer.

The future looks rosy for the company. Its audiences are growing and more and more advertisers are looking at early-morning viewing to wage their campaigns.

TV-am is increasing its AB social class viewership with "Money Matters". It is also negotiating with the unions to begin broadcasting 15 minutes earlier at 6.00 am.

Further in the future, Channel 4 could begin early-

morning broadcasting. If so, any revenues will accrue to TV-am. Although C4 is looking at the possibilities, the commercial viability of additional breakfast-time transmissions is still uncertain. It would have to be compatible with what is already being broadcast, and with the requirements of the IBA.

This year, however, the rising popularity of TV-am should take profits to about £10.5 million. The prospective multiple of a little above 12 is at a discount to the sector and to the market.

EIS ready for the chase

It is with undue modesty that the management of EIS says it is no more than a lucky coincidence that the various parts of its business complement each other. Thus a downturn in one segment can be offset by a good performance in another.

Indeed, it is the policy of building up a range of specialist niche engineering businesses which has enabled EIS to enjoy 16 years of uninterrupted growth.

Operating margins widened last year, reflecting tight management and a steady capital investment programme.

Organic growth has accompanied acquisitions with the overall strategy funded by internally generated cash and a handful of rights issues.

But EIS has been deterred from clinching a deal lately because of the high prices prevailing. Consequently, it has £12 million net cash sitting in the bank earning a significantly lower return than in the business proper.

Although EIS has no intention of spending the money rashly, shareholders may begin to feel aggrieved that their money is not being put to better use.

Opportunities are, how-

ever, being sought. Candidates include companies in the aircraft and cables sectors. Ideally an acquisition would have a turnover of about £20 million and would add to EIS as a separate division. However, one possible target is as large as the existing group.

As for this year, EIS should make £8 million (eps 23p). Defence and aircraft orders will spearhead the advance.

Although the shares are on a market average rating, they are still good value, especially since there is the excitement of an acquisition on the horizon.

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change
450	180	Abnott Group	380	410	n/c
50	50	Abnott Insurance	28	31	-1
125	110	Abnott Insurance	115	125	n/c
60	26	Calsonic Corp	52	56	-2
88	24	Coron Sec	60	65	-1
155	121	Edwardsing Int	150	200	n/c
83	10	Edwardsing Int	43	46	-4
41	8	Do Warrants	27	29	+1
29	17	Pittsburgh Holdings	28	30	+2
57 1/2	48	Thames Holdings	49	52	n/c
133	114 1/2	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

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SYSTEM X BREAKTHROUGH WITH SOUTH AMERICAN CONTRACT

Plessey has won the first major export contract for System X in the face of international competition.

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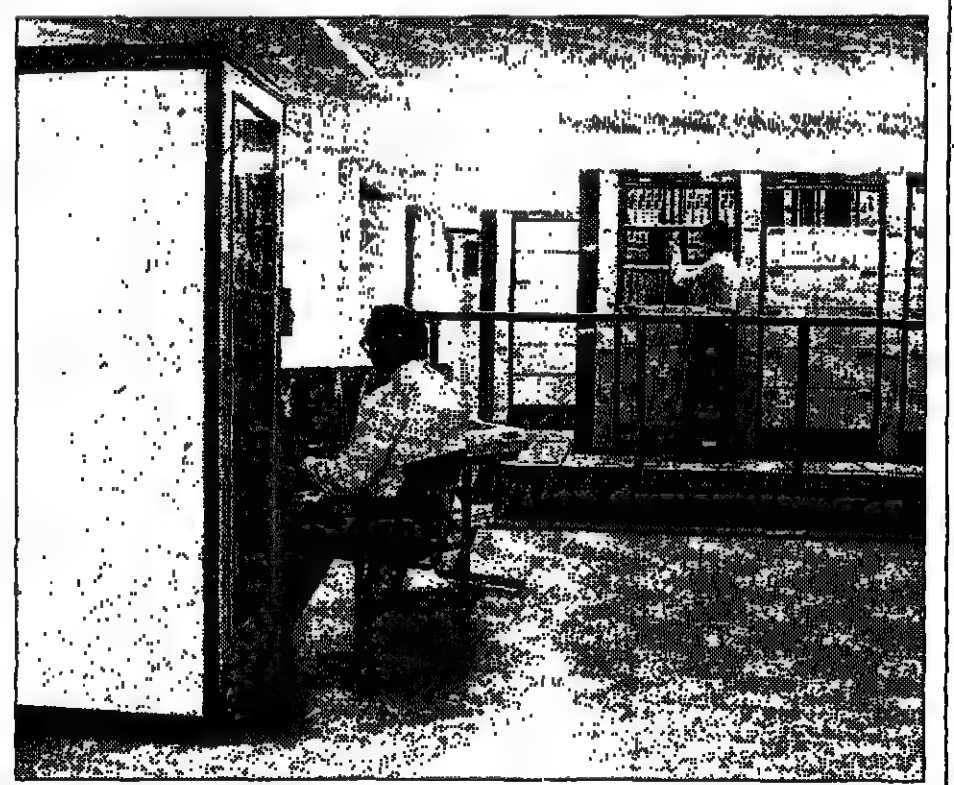
The contract also includes transmission equipment for the interconnection of these exchanges and existing systems.

COMPETITIVE TRIUMPH

Plessey has succeeded in competition against Ericsson of Sweden, NEC and Fujitsu of Japan and Italtel of Italy, in open international tender. The Colombian order is regarded as a triumph for System X and a breakthrough in the South American market.

Already, Plessey has supplied British Telecom with in excess of two million lines of System X equipment for its on-going modernisation programme.

All Plessey System X test proving is carried out at Beeston in Nottingham. Four live exchanges are run 24 hours a



Testing System X exchange equipment.

day. They include the largest System X exchange in the world, which carries 700,000 telephone calls an hour.

Copenhagen makes payphones pay

The Copenhagen Telephone Company (Ktas) has adopted a unique method of marketing cards for their new Plessey payphones. Nine different cards are printed with brightly coloured patterns to form a jigsaw puzzle mosaic for children to collect.

In addition, the cards have a notch for people with impaired vision. So successful was the jigsaw approach, Ktas sold more

phone cards in three days than they normally sell in a year.

Copenhagen is the latest of the world's major cities to install Plessey intelligent payphones.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL WIN IN HONG KONG

Plessey will design, supply, install and commission road traffic control intersection equipment for phase one of the Hong Kong Light Rail Transit System to operate between Tuen Mun and Yuen Long.

This order follows a Plessey contract to design and supply a vehicle information system for the same scheme.

Fifty-six junctions are to be controlled, of which the majority will be intersections between the new rail system and existing roads.

The Plessey controllers will be specially programmed for complex rail priority requirements and minimum delay to road users. Special attention is

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Solution to PCW affair threatened by names' revolt

By Joe Joseph

Hopes that Lloyd's may soon be able to close the turbulent PCW affair are being threatened by a small but vocal group of the scandal's victims who say the authorities' latest formula adds insult to injury. The underwriting names have been given until May 30 to accept the Lloyd's terms for a final solution to the long-running scandal, which blew up in late 1982 when it was discovered that the two founders of the PCW syndicates, Mr Peter Cameron Webb and Mr Peter Dixon, had misappropriated £40 million of investors' funds over a period of years before fleeing the country.

While Mr Peter Miller, the Lloyd's chairman, concedes that the PCW saga marks "one of the most shameful episodes in the history of Lloyd's", he feels the scheme offers a fair way to end what would otherwise be "years of uncertainty". The proposals - which seek to spread the estimated £137 million burden of meeting the outstanding losses between underwriters, the Lloyd's central fund and those companies which are potential defendants in legal claims in the PCW affair - need the support of at least 90 per cent of the names involved.

The names are being asked to throw £34 million into the hat, with Lloyd's adding another £48 million.

The balance will come from companies which Lloyd's deems may be under a legal or moral responsibility to sym-

dicate members. They include Minet Group, which owned the PCW underwriting agency, and Alexander & Alexander, through whose companies PCW funds were siphoned abroad.

The authorities have sculpted their proposals to appeal to the widest audience and are confident of success.

Sir Ian Morrow, chairman of Additional Underwriting Agencies (No 3), the independent company set up by Lloyd's in 1985 to protect the interests of names tied up in the PCW syndicates, has already recommended the offer.

Most names face a bill small enough to offer a tempting end to the PCW headache.

Others have been told by their financial advisers that after deductions for tax, they should pay up rather than fight a long and expensive battle.

But there is a powerful handful of disaffected names, most of them represented by the PCW 1985 Committee, who are still indignant at being asked - as they see it - to make good the financial damage resulting from deep-seated fraud carried out over two decades.

The Lloyd's plan calls on about 3,000 names to pay up to £200,000 each. The PCW Committee, which speaks for 450 of the hardest hit members of the non-marine syndicates, says that four names will have to find even more. Three of them are being asked for more than £240,000.

Even if Lloyd's secures enough acceptances to meet its 90 per cent target, many names are considering holding out and possible legal action.

The effect would be to turn the PCW saga into a periodically erupting volcano, belching out ugly reminders of the scandal for years to come.

Some names, pointing out that unravelling the fraud has demanded five years of investigation by many of the City's leading professional firms and that the settlement offer has been nine months in the planning, are upset that they have been given only seven weeks to make up their minds on the Lloyd's offer.

They also complain that there are no proper accounts for each name's purported liability and no calculation of how much of the estimated losses can be traced to fraud and how much to bad underwriting.

A spokesman for the PCW Committee said US lawyers had come forward with offers of contingency arrangements to mount a legal action in the US courts.

He said there were signs that many of the hardest-hit names would probably prefer to hand the matter over to US lawyers if forced to pay large sums toward the settlement.

Lloyd's feels it is doing all it can and is willing to help any names which might find it difficult to meet their share of the collective financial burden.



Small is successful: Kenneth Norris (right) and Fred Frewin

Award for two-man firm

Dr Kenneth Norris, the head of probably the smallest manufacturing unit in Britain, and his employee Mr Fred Frewin, seen at work completing another batch of blood test kits, the success of which has won his company, Norris Biomedical 1980, of Sheffield on Loddon, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, a Queen's Award for Export Achievement. They sold sufficient in the last year to perform nearly 100 million tests.

HK plan for £2bn airport

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Some of Hong Kong's leading companies plan to join the government, China, and local banks in building a new airport for the Crown Colony. The HK\$25 billion (£2 billion) project, the idea of Mr Gordon Wu, chairman of Hopewell Holdings, would be the biggest ever undertaken in Hong Kong.

Mr Wu has the support of Mr Li Ka-Shing and his Hutchison and Cheung Kong flagships, the British-controlled Jardine Matheson trading company, and the Swire group.

The consortium plans to put in HK\$5 billion of equity with the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank and Citibank organizing HK\$20 billion.

Mr Wu wants the Hong Kong government and China to hold a stake with the balance being offered to local investors through a flotation.

The British Department of Trade and Industry is paying HK\$4 million for a feasibility study into the second airport. It will be conducted by Hopewell, the British Airports Authority, Costain International, Hydraulics Research of Wallingford and Ove Arup, a British engineering firm.

Ignored, but a useful service by Cassandra

For some months now, Tim Congdon and Peter Warburton of the stockbroker L. Messel have cast themselves in the role of Cassandra. As news of the real economy improves, the Messel economists have issued ever more dire warnings of the retribution to come.

So far, few of their professional peers appear to be listening. Each successive edition of the Treasury's handy compilation of private sector forecasts shows the average view becoming more optimistic and more in line with the Government's. Growth is expected to be around 3 per cent; unemployment is acknowledged to be falling; the worst inflation fears have abated with 4½ per cent now forecast for the final quarter of this year; and the National Institute's former fears for the current account are so far not being borne out.

In foreign exchange markets, sterling has been relatively buoyant and although the Chancellor has taken a cautious attitude to interest rate cuts, the consensus is that the next move will be downwards.

According to Messrs Congdon and Warburton, this is all much too good to last. Growth this year will be even higher than the consensus view of 3 per cent, perhaps 4 per cent, but this will be unsustainable and will lead to a renewed upturn in inflation. Without a rise in interest rates, inflation will head back towards double figures.

The analysis will delight Mr Roy Hattersley, who has been saying something very similar to anyone who will listen. According to Messel, "a June election has become an imperative rather than an alternative". This will be followed later in the year by a rise in base rates of at least two percentage points to 12 per cent. But even so, the recent above-trend output growth will soon lead to a rise in inflation.

The problem, according to Messel, is the now neglected indicator sterling M3. Expectations of house prices continuing to rise by 10 to 15 per cent a year will go on fuelling mortgage borrowing by the personal sector while corporate demand for bank credit will also increase as companies rebuild stocks. As a result, broad money will continue growing at its present rate of around 19 per cent for sterling M3 and 14 per cent for the wider aggregate PSL2 unless interest rates are raised. *Ex ergo*, inflation will accelerate.

The controversial part lies in the "ergo". If people are willing to hold more bank deposits as investments rather than as potential spending money, an increase in broad money will not necessarily lead to higher inflation. On balance, the Government and the Bank of England think that is what is happening. But Messel does a useful service in reminding everyone of the potential risks being run.

An issue of investor rights

Our most powerful investors were last week sharply advised to get their act together over the question of pre-emptive rights of shareholders by Mr John Kerridge, the chairman of Fisons. His comments resulted from the last-minute cancellation of the company's planned £110 million placing of shares with overseas investors, which was running into heavy institutional flak.

The opportunity to do just that has arrived. At today's annual meeting of Barclays Bank, shareholders will be asked to approve its own sale of £200 million of shares to overseas investors.

The heart of this matter is the latest revival in the occasionally tense relationship that exists between management and investors. With the Pru at their head, many institutions are against share issues in which they are not allowed to participate, and which result in immediate falls in share prices, and dilute the amount of assets and earnings to which their existing shares are entitled. When applied to domestic issues shareholders are offered protection through clawbacks but this is unique to this country.

When the action switches to overseas placings, the arguments that surround such issues are more complicated. They

must now be crystalized by the institutions, and clear guidelines laid down.

If a company needs the cash for an opportunistic bid which can be seen to have long term benefits for all shareholders, then, apparently, the objections will be muted. If, as in Fisons' case, the reasons are more vague - to widen share ownership or build capital for possible acquisitions - there is resistance.

It could well be argued that by showing a special commitment to the Japanese investor, Fisons could reap long term rewards which will heavily outweigh the short term effect that the issue had on its share price.

Similar claims could be made by other companies, whose size means that they have to issue the equivalent of more than five per cent of their capital to provide sufficient liquidity in the target market. Under the present rules, that amount can be issued at any time, providing the required blanket authorization from the agm is in place.

In today's global markets it would be wrong if British companies were denied a capital-raising route which could have special advantages, but if they ask their shareholders to waive their pre-emptive rights, they must present a solid case.

Passing the port is back again

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Port, hit by faltering British sales earlier in the present decade, is back to steady growth here mainly due to an increasing interest in the more premium varieties.

Just over a fifth of the adult population will take a glass of port with a bias to males and AB social groupings.

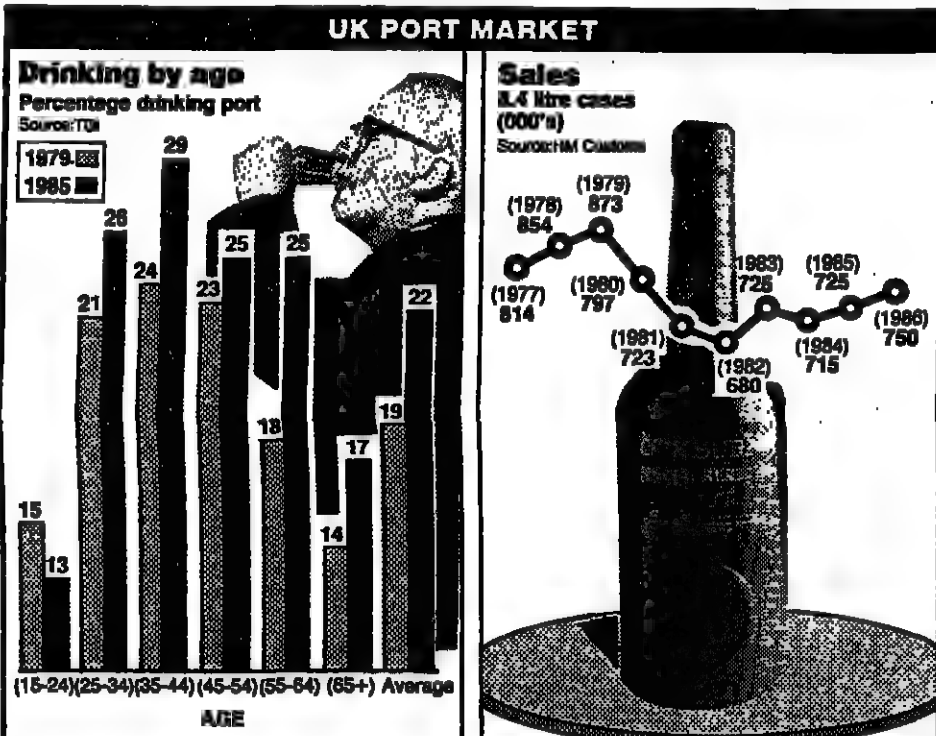
The new taste bias is partly at the expense of ruby ports although this volume end of the trade still accounts, despite a declining trend, for 54 per cent of volume sales.

The switch to premium ports is against the taste inclinations in most of Europe where the popularity of cheaper tawny ports drunk as an aperitif has led to France and Belgium overtaking Britain as the largest port market in the world, according to a survey published yesterday.

Cockburn's, the biggest branded shipper into Britain and the fifth largest worldwide, plans to bring out its survey twice a year.

The port market peaked in Britain in 1972 and then plummeted 28 per cent by volume over the next 10 years. By the end of 1986 sales had recovered to the extent of a 10 per cent volume increase. The survey said: "The signs for 1987 are encouraging with some further growth likely."

Port, produced in Portugal's mountainous Douro valley area from wines to which



brandy is added then left to mature, has seen steadily rising worldwide sales since 1980. There was a 26 per cent rise in volume shipments to the end of 1986, with almost 9 per cent in the final year.

Britain is increasingly becoming an after-dinner port market, according to the survey. Curiously, despite tastes generally in drinks moving to lighter varieties, the market share of white port, usually drunk as an aperitif, has remained at 1.9 per cent. Tawny, lighter and drier than

ruby port, has also stayed steady at a 9 per cent share.

Premium ports were pioneered in 1969 by Cockburn's with its Special Reserve offering a vintage-style at a lower price than true vintage. Now premium ports account for 23 per cent of the market, the biggest share after ruby.

There are other developing sectors, including late-bottled vintage ports, which is wine of a single year matured in cask for up to six years. Taylors Fladgate, another British shipper, pioneered this sector.

After Cockburn's, the next biggest shipper into Britain is the Symington Group whose better-known British labels include Dow, Graham and Warr. Sandeman has the third largest sales in Britain, with 80,000 cases shipped in against the 100,000 from Symington and 250,000 from Cockburn's. These figures exclude own-label shipments.

Cockburn's claims 37 per cent of British off-licence sales with supermarket own-label ports next at 23 per cent.

Knocking on closed doors

Just weeks after agreeing the surprise merger of his British Car Auctions firm with Hawley Group, David Wickins is lining up his next deal. And it will cause more than a few raised eyebrows. Flamboyant Wickins is, I hear, about to take over as chairman of Harvard Securities, the licensed dealer. He is, I understand, in the process of acquiring a 6 per cent share stake in Harvard from Morton Glickman, its Canadian founder. In exchange for investing £1 million or so in the business. Talks have been taking place between Wickins and Harvard's guiding light Tom Wilmot who, it appears, will step down as chairman but continue as managing director. The intriguing deal - if it comes off - is bound to strengthen Harvard's hand in its negotiations for external membership of the Stock Exchange. Talks between Harvard - which has had a number of clashes with the authorities in the past - and the Exchange began almost a year ago but still show no signs of a conclusion. Whether the Stock Exchange will be able to operate its closed door policy once Wickins starts knocking on it is another matter.

Pillow fight

Dirty doings on the sofa beds. It all began when Martin Barnett claimed his Sleeping Beauties company had a unique bed mechanism capable of folding up a 7in mattress. A squabble ensued

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Anything you can can

Designer cans, predictably a French innovation, could become the latest craze. In an attempt to boost sales of its flagging product, the tinplate industry is promoting the use of the humble can for the distribution of everything from advertising material to celebratory Can-o-Grains. Apparently, you can now buy a canned breakfast, a tin can containing croissants, butter, a

knife, orange juice, champagne, that morning's copy of *The Times* and the sender's message. Reporting the phenomenon, British Steel says, gushingly, that "the protective properties of tinplate cans in safeguarding their contents from the harmful effects of light are now being used to safeguard secrets too."

in the trade publication *Cabinet Maker*, with other manufacturers claiming mattresses of equal thickness. One company said initial enthusiasm abated with reports in the US



"Mind you, it will appear to rise again for a few days after the holiday"

of spring breakdowns after regular use. Another said it got round this problem with purpose-made springs and specially strengthened rivets. Bennett, quick to defend his Super Sables 97 range which he describes as the Rolls-Royce of sofa bed units, thinks the squabbling is "childish and petty". A mild response for a man who says he has had black ink squirted through the letter box of his West End shop twice in the past three weeks, damaging £4,000 worth of sofa beds.

It must be the ultimate in pre-privatization advertising - targeted directly at the heavens above. Eight students from the Rolls-Royce aero-engine factory in Derby have spent 12 weeks crafting a stainless steel font for Derby Cathedral, with engravings on all four sides. The engravings comprise a dove, a crucifix, a coat of arms and... the Rolls-Royce logo.

Bed and breakfast

So much for the Japanese being long-term investors in the British stock market. Robert Fleming's specialist pharmaceuticals salesman Ian Rugheimer was telephoned by a Japanese institution three weeks ago and asked whether Wellcome, at 433p, were a buy. "On a 12-month view, yes," said Rugheimer. "No, not 12 months, three days," replied the oriental gent. "Wait for them to fall lower," said Rugheimer. A week later the oriental gent called back and said Wellcome shares now down to 372p. "Buy now," said Rugheimer swiftly. "For 12 months?" asked the Japanese gentleman. "No, three days," said Rugheimer. Within a week Wellcome's volatile share price had recovered by more than 70p.

Cleaning up

Many ambitious City folk claim they want to be a millionaire by the time they are 30 - but very few manage to achieve it while in their teens. Barry Minkow, a 21-year-old lad from Los Angeles, began by cleaning neighbours' carpets in his parents' garage when he was just 15. In January, he floated his multi-million dollar cleaning business - ZZZZ Best - in the US and its shares have since rocketed from \$3.12 to \$13.50 each. He has now acquired the British-owned cleaning group Keyserve for \$25 million and plans to expand further in Britain. "I always said my goal was to be the General Motors of the carpet cleaning business and today it's a fact," he says. He makes it all sound so easy.

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	Aug	96.00

Oct 100.50
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Live Game Center

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Open

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Steady	Jun	100.00
	Aug	99.00

2410-2420	Oct	96.00
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Jul	124.50	124.50	124.50

Sep	100.75
Nov	103.00
Jan	105.05

Jan	105.95
Mar	108.50
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Barley ..

1990 weight	LONDON POTATO FUTURE £. per tonne
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Feb	98.00
Apr	125.00

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G.N.I. Freight Futures

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	Jul 87	885.0-870.0
	Oct 87	930.0-924.5

AT FUTURES
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Open	Close
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Stock market commentary
Dry cargo index
100% 0 up 1.0 on 15/4/87

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• **Prevalence** – the proportion of the population with a disease at a particular point in time

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452	B&T (AM)	490	493	+4	35.4	4.1	8.3
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WALL STREET

Futures selling hits Dow

New York (Agencies) — Shares, already nervous about inflation and interest rates in the face of a weak dollar, fell further in early trading yesterday as a number of futures-related "sell" plans hit the market. Food stocks and drugs were some of the hardest hit.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which has tumbled by more than 150 points in the 10 sessions since it reached its record of 2,405 on April 13, dipped by 19.18 to 2,251.42.

Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by five to one on a volume of 20 million shares. Ramada slipped by 1/4 to 9. The company reported on Monday that Mr. Paul Bilzerian, an investor, holds a 4 per cent stake.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 5.39 lower at 2,270.60.

Symbol Technologies has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to offer 2 million shares of common stock through Shearson Lehman Brothers and LF Rothschild Unterberg Towbin.

In Toronto, Falconbridge Ltd said that it expected its results for the rest of 1987 to improve on the first-quarter operating loss of C\$15.4 million (£7.2 million).

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WEDDING DAYS

The bride looked lovely in...

Birth, marriage and death are the three great moments in our lives, but marriage is the only one in which everyone concerned has to be properly dressed. Even the Bible says so.

Miles of silk and yards of veil billowing on a gusty, freezing April day with rain threatening, was how the bride of BBC's *The Clothes Show* got married, in typically English style. The dress was designed by Linda Cierach, and surrounded by TV cameras with Selina Scott in attendance as a kind of honorary bridesmaid, it looked like hard work.

Unhappily for the BBC, a wedding is still hard work. Every year brides and their families go through agonies in celebration of what is supposed to be a happy occasion. The form issued by *The Times* to prospective brides sets the tone, requiring not only the date, time and name of the church but the full initials of the officiating clergy, full names of bride and groom and both parents (and telephone numbers), names of child attendants and grown-up bridesmaids, who forms the guard of honour, name of the best man, and lastly, "Please state whether any members of the Royal Family are expected to attend".

To anyone not getting married, a quick look through the magazines that exist solely for the information of brides brings a feeling of living in a time warp. In this the last bastion of the rule of etiquette? Here's a cry of anguish from a young woman who is being given away by her brother, her father being dead; must her sister-in-law and the two nieces who are not bridesmaids sit at the top table? *Brides and Setting Up Home* magazine offers a complete guide to pre-marriage which runs: "Best Man, Groom's mother, Bride's brother, Bride, Groom, Bride's mother, Groom's father, Chief Bridesmaid".

And what of the poor girl who has always spelled her name Jayne and discovers it's Jane on her birth certificate? Would her marriage certificate be legal? She will, says the magazine soothingly, have to change her name by Deed Poll; ask for three copies each of forms CON1 and CON1 8C.

Such worries preoccupy brides, says Christine Hinchliffe, who provides a much-needed service - including innumerable cups of coffee and vast amounts of sympathetic attention - making clothes for the other ranks (there is, after all, only one bride's dress), the mothers, the mothers-in-law, the going-away outfit.

Not everyone is a model size, so it's all made-to-measure, either by mail order or personal appointment. Trained as a textile designer, with cultural influences from time spent in Nigeria and New

Philipa Toomey writes on the agonies behind the bliss of the wedding, and helps solve the problem of what to wear

Guinea, she uses only fine wool and silk, hand-painting the silk to match a colour theme - "Sometimes to tone in with the bridesmaids' dresses" - which means that each outfit is unique. Blue with green is a best-seller.

Christie Hinchliffe lives in Norwich with her two children, but travels to London every fortnight, sometimes more often in the marrying season which runs from April to June.

They do things differently in India, of course. No one gets married in the rainy season, as we do, or in the summer, which is much too hot. They get married in the winter, and, contemplating the wedding dress - "Ivory silk dupion with beaded leg-of-mutton sleeves" at £800, or the "gorgeous duchess satin dress with train and beaded lace bodice and panel

hips, but as she pointed out, when she was a bridesmaid back in the 1950s they wore dusty pink dresses with black accessories - and in the bridal pictures the little black gloves looked as if the bridesmaids had all done a stint of coal-heaving shortly before the ceremony.

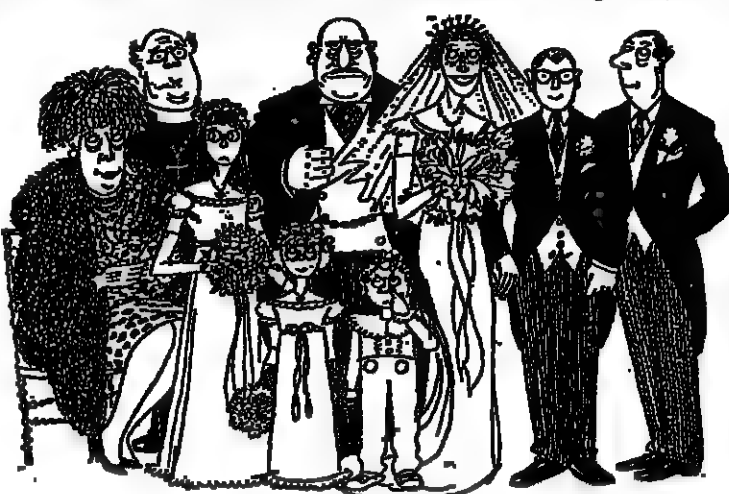
Although the motives for marrying, especially if you are an ambitious young man, are not always as cynical as those laid out by C. Northcote Parkinson in his book *In-laws and Outlaws*, published by John Murray in 1962 at 18s net. A forerunner of the "How to succeed" genre, it offered a carefully calculated chart - Plus factors in a woman: health, beauty, vitality, intelligence, good family background, loyalty, income and expectations. Minus factors: stupidity, unpleasant relatives and friends, quarrelsomeness, extravagance, indebtedness.

For men, substitute "salary, status and prospects" for income and expectations. A quarter of a century later, the bride might be earning more than the groom.

No one could fail in any of designer Gail Hoppen's outfits. Her clothes are, in her words, rather for the sister of the bride who wants to catch the eye of the best man. No melting into the background; fabrics from Italy and France in strong, sharp colours, large, bold patterns, and much use made of a fabric in several colours, including cream, silk and cotton mixtures, so that you look almost quilted. No creasing there - the drape of every wedding guest, because every thing shows up in the photographs.

And what of the groom? Poor fellow, he is, in the fashionable phrase, "marginalized" or, as Chris Barnes, the bridegroom on *The Clothes Show* said, with only a hint of steel in his smile. "The groom only comes along to make up the numbers, doesn't he?" But if both bride and groom make it to their diamond wedding in 2047, they will get a telegram from the monarch (whoever he or she may be - William V or Henry IX perhaps). To arrange a telegram, send for the form from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Information: Christine Hinchliffe, 7 Town Close Road, Norwich NR2 2NB; (0603) 662854. Prices from around £150 - £200. Catalogue available. Gail Hoppen: at Harrods, Peter Jones, Lucienne Phillips, Chilterns (London); for provincial stockists, send SAE to Gail Hoppen, 33 South Moulton Street, London W1. Prices from £200. Bridesmaids' branches also in Wembley, Birmingham, Southall and Tooting. Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages: St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2; 01-242 0262.



The eternal wedding group, as seen by Osbert Lancaster

in skirt" at £1,200, both made to order - a wedding sari seems more sensible.

Not only is there no colour restriction to sari, though a handsome crimson seemed to be popular this year, you can have green, purple, yellow, white with thin red and silver stripes, and any colour embroidered in gold or silver.

A sari is 5 1/2 yards, 45in wide, and can range in price from £15 to £30 for a red silk sari heavily embroidered in gold. Bhavneeta, at 150 Commercial Street, London E1, has a range of these.

Tradition rules, however. Brides just want to look like a bride, though a friend of mine says that when her son and his girl friend finally decided to marry, the bride wore a very smart black suit, and the bride's mother (and the groom's mother) both wore very smart black dresses. Not traditionally festive, per-

Spring Weddings

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MEDIA & MARKETING

How to make a paper proper

OPINION

Neil Lyndon

"I wouldn't buy that if I were you, dear," said the newsagent's salesgirl to an off-duty policeman glancing at a local paper in the shop.

"There's nothing in it." When this line, overheard in a shop near Felixstowe, was reported to me, I felt like throwing in the towel. The paper being condemned - *The Deben & East Suffolk Journal* - has belonged to me and my wife Deirdre since we bought a majority shareholding in January. With local friends, we have invested heavily in the paper to try to make sure that everybody in our area, from Aldeburgh to Felixstowe, from Woodbridge to Debenham, might find something in it, and something worth buying, at that.

The *Journal* used to be a free paper. In a change which was unprecedented - as far I know - in Britain, it has now become a paid-for (or, as one of my friends said, "a proper") newspaper with a cover price of 18p. Our editor has produced a 24-page weekly paper containing not less than five pages of news and two and a half pages of sport, together with feature articles and columns adding up to 50,000 words of editorial matter a week. Our columnists include the top two authors in this week's *Sunday Times* fiction best-sellers list.

And then this salesgirl goes and tells a potential purchaser "there's nothing in it". What most irked and dismayed me was not so much the inaccuracy of the remark as the fact that she had blithely done us out of a sale and, consequently, done her boss's shop out of their 4.5p share of our cover price.

What is the explanation for behaviour so irrational and self-defeating? Perhaps we are, in our small way, discovering a general truth about the British public's attitude towards print. Perhaps they have learnt not to value it. According to this line, the British people no

longer trust newspapers, don't enjoy them and don't reckon that they are worth buying. The worthlessness of advertising has prejudiced the public against print in any local form. Readers and advertisers alike now seem to suppose that a local paper must be a worthless thing with "nothing in it", and they are disinclined to test their prejudice. Advertisers weigh the value of a local paper exclusively on its claimed circulation; readers are interested only in the pages of property ads where they can measure the increased value of their own property.

We set ourselves a considerable task to persuade potential customers that the paper we have created is worth every one of their 18 pence; and to persuade advertisers that readers must automatically place a higher value on a paper that chooses to buy than on a paper whose delivery they cannot refuse and which they may bin or burn unopened.

Despite our difficulties with some newsagents, we are winning this battle. The circulation of the *Journal* is growing fast and steadily. Advertising revenue is consistently rising. Our readers tell us that they like our paper and our advertisers tell us that they get a good response.

Now that the *Journal* is moving into calmer waters, some powerful publishing companies are circling our craft, a sure sign that our draft wheeze is succeeding. We will survive and prosper - no thanks to that Felixstowe sales assistant. We have had a hard enough time convincing our customers that our paper is worth buying; we should not have had to persuade our vendors that it was worth selling.

Neil Lyndon is a former *Sunday Times* journalist and has collaborated on the forthcoming autobiography of Armand Hammer.



Painting by digital numbers: John Kluge watches over a technician operating his secretly-developed central control unit

Portrait of an artist

An American corporation has developed a £75 million robot that is part Scatman and part Andy Warhol.

John Kluge, 72-year-old head of the shrunken American conglomerate Metromedia Inc, has introduced his latest employee - a robot billboard artist - to prospective clients in Los Angeles. The robot, which goes by the prosaic name of COPS (for Computer Operated Painting System), can generate or reproduce any image in billboard size for outdoor advertising, movie backdrops and stage sets.

It does in six hours what takes several people with pulleys and chains and cradles four days or more, and, from up to 50ft away, the immense signs it paints have all the depth and the colour tone of magazine reproduction.

COPS is a robot arm worked by a series of computers. Any image can be analysed and converted to millions of digital instructions. The image is then reproduced on sheets of vinyl by the robot, which squirts dots of paint as the

A new robot can paint billboards or a backdrop of Paris in a few hours.

Peter Fearon reports

vinyl rolls beneath it on a drum. The sheets can be rolled into a tube for transportation and erected at a site in less than half an hour. The billboards will not weather or fade, and they can be rolled up and taken to new locations or taken back to be painted over again.

hour of showing the system we had more orders than we can handle, so there is already a backlog."

The outdoor advertising business is in something of a slump, partly because of high costs and the difficulty of adequate colour reproduction. Metromedia expects COPS to revitalize it. Apart from its other advantages, the robot will not tire, join a union or become temperamental.

The enterprise also marks John Kluge's return to the thick of the business fray. Kluge built the vast Metromedia Incorporated empire of radio and TV stations, a telephone company and outdoor advertising business, travelling ice-skating shows and the exhibition basketball club, the Harlem Globetrotters.

After taking the public corporation private in 1984, he began converting virtually everything to cash, selling five divisions to various buyers - including six TV stations to Rupert Murdoch - for more than £3,000 million.

Leaping into a new market

Sky magazine is launched tomorrow in search of a coherent pan-European market of teenagers with aspirations

The risks of a pan-European publishing venture are akin to re-entering the earth's atmosphere after a moon-shot: "If you don't hit the window exactly right, you burn up." So says Peter Jackson, who heads the team of publishing executives responsible for tomorrow's launch of *Sky* magazine.

Sky magazine is a joint venture of Rupert Murdoch's News International and the French Hachette group. It is boldly going where no magazine has gone before, in search of a coherent European youth market.

From Helsinki to Barcelona, Jackson argues, there exists a new breed of hip, aspirational teenager who looks to Britain for cultural inspiration, and can understand English.

Tomorrow, 600,000 copies of *Sky* will appear on newsstands across Europe. While the biggest sale is expected in Britain, the launch will be watched closely in Germany, France, Scandinavia and the Benelux countries. Jackson, who also collaborated on the British edition of *Elle*, says: "We're testing the theory that, for young Europeans, English is the language of pop music, fashion and the rest."

Sky's editorial mix has been put in the hands of Ian Birch, the 32-year-old veteran of *Smash Hits* and *Jazz Seventeen*, the successful teenage magazines. His brief has been to create a fortnightly product that appeals equally to boys and girls, focusing on music, high technology gadgetry, spectacle and street fashion.

The first issue has features about the youth revolution in Gorbachev's Russia, same-sexing and the epidemic of gambling among the young. Street cred will assuredly be enhanced by the feature planned for the second issue on European condoms.

To ensure that the magazine is sufficiently different

from all the other titles competing for the attention of teenagers, the magazine will be printed on high technology presses in Northamptonshire allowing it to include double gatefold spreads four times the width of a normal page, "zip strip" coupons that pull out of the magazine without the need for scissors and a Filefax-like centre section, in which each page is cut to a different dimension.

Not only is *Sky* seeking to cross political frontiers: it is also aiming to tear down the



Sky: first front cover

perhaps more resilient barriers of the British class system. Last weekend a teaser for *Sky* was distributed to almost three million homes in Britain, in 500,000 copies of the *Sunday Times* and more than two million of the *News of the World*.

"These kids don't conform to the ABC1 ratings," Jackson explains. "The style-conscious aspirational kids can be found as easily in a council house as the mansion of a banker."

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MEDIA & MARKETING

TV's shopping spree

Is the annual scramble to buy programmes in Cannes necessary? Edward Durham Taylor reports

Some 6,500 people, a thousand of them British, and all connected in some way with television, are in Cannes this week celebrating the industry's major rite of spring - MIP-TV. Now in its 23rd year, the *Marché International des Programmes de Télévision* is the most important commercial gathering in the international television calendar.

In the mid Sixties a small group of salesmen controlled programme buying, and a handshake in the bar concluded a deal. Now, because of the complexities of international rights, the lawyers have joined the throng of sellers, buyers, executives, producers, lawyers, film stars, actors, entertainers, newsmen, ballerinas and sports stars in the Palais des Festivals.

This year 117 countries are represented at MIP, 10 more than last year. From Albania to Zimbabwe it is regarded as an occasion not to be missed. There are 650 stands costing anything from £2,500 to £30,000, 78 of them taken by British companies.

Leslie Halliwell, respected film buyer and pundit, says "MIP now attracts so many thousands of buyers and sellers that it is impossible to get anything done in the appalling hubbub."

He is not the only experienced attendee to think so. Richard Price, managing director of London Weekend Television International, who has his own sales company and an interest in two other TV panies, has been going to Cannes for 20 years.

"It used to be a small, friendly gathering. Now it has become a bear garden where it is difficult to have a sensible conversation about major projects. The rush to fit in as many appointments as you want can leave you with little valuable discussion. Those who can really benefit most are the smaller countries from Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe."

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Britain enjoys a favoured place in the market; the BBC's commercial arm, BBC Enterprises, is the world's largest exporter of broadcast material. "For the BBC," says Keith Owen, its new director of programme sales, "this is the premier international trade meeting in the world. What is noticeable this year is that the needs of the industry have changed because of cable and satellite."

The BBC has European and overseas catalogues of programmes to sell and, like others, is pushing particularly some of its newest and most adventurous productions. For example, Dennis Potter's *The Singing Detective* and David Attenborough's *The First Eden*; the *Dorothy L. Sayers Mysteries* and *Indelible Evidence*; *Howards' Way* and *Life Without George*.

At the same time it is trying to get pre-sales on four unfinished productions: *Olivia Manning's Fortunes of War*, John Le Carré's *A Perfect Spy*, *The Impossible Spy* (about master spy Elie Cohen), and *Supersense*, a natural history series.

ITV, which now pays a levy of 22.5 per cent on its overseas sales

profits, is strongly represented in Cannes and looking for sales, pre-sales and new co-production possibilities. The companies are also pushing short lists of recent productions like *Rumpole of the Bailey* and *Lost Belongings* (Thames); *Disappearing World* and *Man and Music* (Granada); *Scoop* and *Fire and Ice* (London Weekend); *Bellamy on Top of the World* (Yorkshire); *Intimate Contact* (Central), and other ITV productions seen recently or in the production stage.

Channel 4, which has excited so much interest in European television and cinema, has a list including a new political thriller called *Brand* and the major documentary series *Struggles for Poland*.

The independents' interests are represented by their trade association, the Independent Programme Producers' Association (IPPA), but many also attend MIP to gauge the international market and try to initiate sales or co-productions. The Americans have the largest delegation at MIP after the French

hosts and the British. They're all represented: big networks, major film and television production companies and distributors - internationally-known names like MGM and Disney - jostling with small independent stations, film-making companies and one-man video shops. The American pilots for their networks are not finished in April and consequently new series have not started production. But Raul Lefcovich, a vice-president of the fast-growing American communications conglomerate Viacom, finds MIP useful.

"It's the wrong place to sell, especially for us, but a great place to get to know what's going on with the new technology. And we want to interest people in new shows that will be available in October and look to see how they respond. Strong action and sexy shows are losing their appeal and violence is on the decrease. People seem to be wanting first-class story-telling. The problem is finding enough good writing."

The chaos at MIP this year is not surprising given the number and diversity of the parties who now

find it essential to be there, and the demands of new terrestrial and satellite channels they will have to satisfy within a few years. They are being encouraged by governments eager to support not only manufacturing and electronics industries but national cultural interests.

MIP is only one of several national and international marketing events that punctuate the increasingly complex business of international programme dealing. In this country the BBC has an annual sales showcase in February. ITV - since the recent demise of the London Media Market - is to inaugurate a London screening session for foreign buyers this autumn. The most important buying trips for both services take them to Los Angeles in the spring and autumn.

But competition for major quality programmes is now so fierce that buyers seldom wait for these occasions, or even for MIP itself. And the old attitude - make programmes and then try to sell them in Cannes - has gone. Many must now ask first: "If we make this, can we sell it?"

BYLINES

Stranded producers

Independent programme producers are becoming increasingly unhappy with the trend among Channel 4 commissioning editors to create major programme strands over which they, rather than the producers, have editorial control. They feel there is a danger of encouraging an old-fashioned broadcasting-monolith bureaucracy at the channel, and undermining its much-praised original model of efficient, pure commissioning.

The multicultural *Bandung File*, the science-oriented *Equinox* and the new youth current affairs show *Network Seven* are examples of strands where a number of different companies contribute programmes and material. The contracted producers of such programmes sometimes have their normal roles usurped by the commissioning editor, who adopts a hands-on executive producer function. The same approach is being planned for CA's new weekly current affairs slot replacing *Diverse Reports*.

A leading independent producer said: "When independent producers make bad programmes, they get dropped. But if a commissioning editor creates a bad strand, what do you do - sack him? Sub-commissioning encourages cronyism, not properly independent production companies."

Left bereft

Just days away from the launch of the *News on Sunday* this weekend, there are growing rumours that the next senior executive to leave the troubled self-styled left-wing tabloid will be advertisement director Karen Needham. None of the major tabloid display advertisers believe the paper can reach even half of its projected first-year circulation target of 800,000 readers.

Land army

Landscape is a new monthly magazine to be launched in October by Marcus Binney, who quit as editor of *Country Life* after a disagreement with IPC. Binney says *Landscape*, which is privately financed, will be a campaigning publication devoted to architecture, interiors, the countryside and wildlife. The cover price will be £1.50 and a settle-down circulation target of 35,000 to 40,000 is envisaged.

PR power

The bickering between Saatchi and Saatchi and J. Walter Thompson over which has the most successful British ad business has taken a new turn with JWT blocking Saatchi's attempted purchase of its subsidiary, Hill and Knowlton, which is America's largest PR company. JWT may sell Hill and Knowlton instead to global PR giant, Shandwick, to stop Saatchi building the world's biggest PR operation.

Briefing . . .

London Weekend Television and Thames Television are to stage ITV's first national television next year, and start a drive to attract sponsorship next month as a result of the new advertising director Karen Needham. None of the major tabloid display advertisers believe the paper can reach even half of its projected first-year circulation target of 800,000 readers. EMAP ad director, Zed Zawada, behind such successful magazine launches as *Just Seventeen* and *Look*, is leaving to become ad sales director of the European offshoot of US cable pop channel, MTV, being launched this summer. EMAP is about to launch a young women's fashion magazine aimed at the market created by the British *Elle*. . . . Century Hutchinson have taken over smaller publishers Miller, Blond and White give the latter's managing director, the mercurial Anthony Blond, more muscle to match past successes, such as discovering Simon Raven and finding best sellers like *The Exorcist*. . . . The BBC's TV comedy department has been outflanked by Thames TV, which has just piloted a TV version of Radio 4's popular sitcom, *After Henry*, starring Prunella Scales. . . . Corgi Press, publishers of *Blitz* magazine, are relaunching their HMV records give-away title *The Best* as a paid-for music magazine in June. . . .

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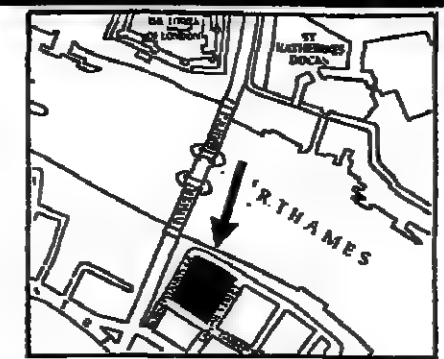
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FOOTBALL

Cauldron of Bernabeu prepares for Real's bid to overturn Bayern

The Bernabeu Stadium is restricted by police to 100,000 tickets for tonight's European Cup semi-final second leg between Real Madrid and Bayern Munich. It is expected, however, that some 105,000 spectators will be inside to see if Real can once again achieve the improbable, and erase a 4-1 deficit. Bayern will not be as pliable or tactically naive as were Derby County in a similar situation 12 years ago.

The renowned flexibility of Spanish gatekeepers has seldom been more predictable than tonight as Hugo Sanchez of Mexico returns, following his first-leg suspension, with his future shrouded in uncertainty, to reinforce a team who believe they can still reach the final.

Also believing in this, nearly 300,000 supporters wanted to buy a seat, and on Monday, 10,000 stampeded the stadium in a quest for the final 1,500 tickets. Twice the police had to baton-charge the mob. "In the first few moments, when we made out first attack, the stadium will be volcano," Leo Benmakker.

From David Miller, Madrid

Real's manager, said with an involuntary shiver of anticipation. Benmakker has established one of Europe's foremost reputations with Ajax, Zaragoza, the Dutch national team and now Real. Yet he and his team face the perennial dilemma when being seriously behind and playing at home: they must attack, but cannot concede another goal.

Their problems are compounded by the suspension of Juanito, their veteran winger, who was sent off in Munich for stamping on the face of Matthias, and the continuing absence of Valdano, of Argentina, with hepatitis. Juanito was fined £5,000 by his club, irrespective of the penalty which UEFA may impose on May 1. It is unlikely that he would have been in the initial formation, though, as Benmakker said: "In this situation, we would normally start with three strikers." — Butragueno, Sanchez, and Santillana — "but having Juanito on the bench would have been an insurance possibility to react to events."

"Losing Valdano at this

time of the season has been an important loss. Of course, we have to attack, but at the same time we know that Bayern are very capable of a counter-attack."

Benmakker states the obvious: that Real must concentrate on playing in their own style. "We must do it our way, the way we played last Saturday."

There is said to be a doubt about the fitness of Augenthaler, Bayern's outstanding sweeper. If he is missing, and with Matthias suspended with two bookings, then Butragueno and Sanchez will have the chance to turn the tie upside down, even though Udo Lattek, Bayern's manager, knows that his side have not lost away in any competition for over a year.

In all the emotions that will roll around the stadium tonight, on and off the pitch, the control and impartiality of Michel Vaoutot, the referee from France, will undoubtedly be a critical factor in the outcome. Logic suggests Real have no hope; they have defied logic in the past.

McLean looks on the positive side

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Düsseldorf

If the European flame of Dundee United is to be extinguished here tonight, it promises to burn brightly before the embers have died out. Jim McLean has already set fire to the ambitions of his players as they prepare for the second leg of their UEFA Cup semi-final.

He has convinced them that their victory in Barcelona in the last round is more relevant than the goalless draw against Borussia Mönchengladbach at Tannadish Park a fortnight ago.

"After that win," he says, "we've got to believe we can do better."

So concerned is he about the need for a positive approach that he is considering an unexpected tactical alteration. Clark was expected to replace Malpas, the international full back who is hobbling around with six stitches in the thigh that was open during the defeat of Celtic on Saturday.

McLean, however, feels that a combination of Clark, Narey and Hegarty at the back with Holt might have a destructively negative influence on the side. Since he does not want his team "to go out with a defensive attitude," he will probably bring Kirkwood into his formation at the rear.

If so, Kirkwood's target will be to subside the pressure from the West German international who missed the first leg through

injury and has not played for a month. He scored the goal at Ibrox Park that knocked Rangers out of the competition in the third round.

"Kirkwood marked Bryan Robson out of the game when we played Manchester United a few years ago," McLean stated, "and I may send him to the same job."

That is the one protective measure that United's manager is proposing to include in this overall design.

Clark, who claimed the equaliser against Barcelona, could be moved into midfield, the position he filled in the first leg before being replaced by Galtcher during the interval.

McLean trusts that Borussia will be vulnerable at the heart of their back four since they have lost the influential Drexler through suspension. Struck will, therefore, drift in from his usual role on the flank and "go at them through the middle where he could cause them real problems."

"The Germans will be confident and would be arrogant," McLean added. "That will suit us if we get a goal, they are not the best fighters in the world." But, technically, they are superior and McLean may have a side in putting a match to his side.

Coventry bonus on two fronts

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Düsseldorf

Brian Kilcline, the Coventry City captain, had an X-ray on a wrist injury yesterday but is not in any danger of missing next month's FA Cup Final. The big centre half fell awkwardly during the semi-final against Leeds United and then aggravated the injury at Luton Town on Saturday.

Coventry are expecting to sell more than £1,000 new season tickets through a scheme linking them with cup final tickets. Customers who buy a season ticket at prices ranging from £68.50 to £147 before Saturday evening, plus tickets for the last three home matches of this season will go onto a priority list to buy a Cup Final ticket.

Vince Jones, the Wimbledon midfielder, who scored against Manchester and Chelsea on joining the club from Wealdstone last November, will miss the return matches through suspension after being sent off against Arsenal on Saturday.

Wimbledon are to hold further talks with Merton Council to discuss the club's future at Plough Lane. After meeting an all-party delegation the club's chairman, Stanley Reed said: "I have the feeling we are both rowing in the same direction. Our only aim is to ensure that Wimbledon will offer 'first division' facilities for players and spectators alike."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackpool switch to Wigan

Blackpool Borough will cease to exist under that name at the end of the season, and arrangements are being made for the players and other assets of the club to move to form another professional club in Wigan (Keith Macklin writes).

This announcement will be made at Springfield Park, the home of Wigan Athletic Football Club, today. Blackpool Borough, who entered the League in 1953, have struggled to survive this season in the second division, and the final blow was the refusal of the local council to give them £65,000 to pay for ground repairs. Borough have played their home games at the neighbouring football ground, Bloomfield Road.

The chairman of the new club, which will share Springfield Park with Wigan Athletic, will be Mike Marsland, a businessman, the vice-chairman will be Dragan Lukic, formerly the chairman of Stockport County football club. Deryck Brown stays as secretary.

A board of associate directors will be set up but they will not be required to finance the club. These will include Frank Hayes, the former Lancashire and England cricketer and David Wall, the former captain of both Rugby League and Rugby Union.

ICE HOCKEY

Canada surprised

Vienna (Reuters) — West Germany surprisingly beat Canada at the world championship yesterday, winning 5-3. "This was a great performance," never the less, the Canadian Western coach said of his team's triumph. "We came to the championship with the aim of staying in the A pool but after our performance today we may be able to think bigger."

The win gave the Germans, who upset favoured Finland 3-1 on Monday, four points from four games, one less than Canada who must still face the Soviet world champion and Sweden in the present round-robin stage of the tournament.

Miroslav Sikora scored West Germany's first goal in the fifth minute and set up the second nine seconds into the second

period with a perfect pass to his winger, Helmut Steiger. Three minutes later, the defender, Daniel Held, gave the Germans a three-goal lead over the bewildered Canadians, who were unable to get organized against their aggressive rivals.

Dino Ciccarelli scored Canada's first goal in the 26th minute, but a mistake by Sean Burke, Canada's Olympic goal-keeper, allowed the Germans to make it 4-1 midway through the second period.

Another mistake by Burke buried his team's hopes when he failed to catch the puck from the defender, Harold Kren, and deflected it into his own net. Kevin Dineen pulled it back to 5-3 with eight minutes left, but by then the Canadians were dispirited and visibly tired.

BADMINTON

Hall seeded in Peking

Darren Hall has been awarded one of the coveted seeded places for the world championships, to be sponsored by British Airways, in Peking from May 18 to 24.

British Airways will be the tournament's main sponsor. In simultaneous press conferences in London and Peking, British Airways yesterday agreed to support the championships with £100,000. They are also increasing the prize money for the

British Airways Masters tournament by 40 per cent to £28,000. The event, which will be Europe's richest.

SEEDINGS: Men's singles: 1. M Frost (Den); 2. Iku Sugianto (Indo); 3. Yang Yang (Chin); 4. Zhai Zhong (Chin); 5. Xiong Guohua (Chin); 6. Mathias Skjold (Malay); 7. D. Hall (Engl); 8. K. Rasmussen (Den); 9. J. J. Li (Chin); 10. J. J. Li (Chin); 11. J. J. Li (Chin); 12. J. J. Li (Chin); 13. J. J. Li (Chin); 14. J. J. Li (Chin); 15. J. J. Li (Chin); 16. J. J. Li (Chin); 17. J. J. Li (Chin); 18. J. J. Li (Chin); 19. J. J. Li (Chin); 20. J. J. Li (Chin); 21. J. J. Li (Chin); 22. J. J. Li (Chin); 23. J. J. Li (Chin); 24. J. J. Li (Chin); 25. J. J. Li (Chin); 26. J. J. Li (Chin); 27. J. J. Li (Chin); 28. J. J. Li (Chin); 29. J. J. Li (Chin); 30. J. J. Li (Chin); 31. J. J. Li (Chin); 32. J. J. Li (Chin); 33. J. J. Li (Chin); 34. J. J. Li (Chin); 35. J. J. Li (Chin); 36. J. J. Li (Chin); 37. J. J. Li (Chin); 38. J. J. Li (Chin); 39. J. J. Li (Chin); 40. J. J. Li (Chin); 41. J. J. Li (Chin); 42. J. J. Li (Chin); 43. J. J. Li (Chin); 44. J. J. Li (Chin); 45. J. J. Li (Chin); 46. J. J. 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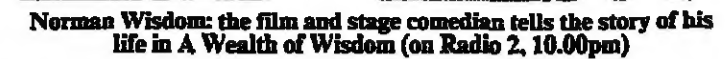
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cultural entities. He looks at how they were built, who lived in them and the hierarchical class structures which they reinforced. Readers of Meade's restaurant column in this newspaper will be able to relish the same irreverent style and idiosyncratic turn of phrase.

● Cut from the original six programmes to four, Duncan Campbell's *Secret Society* at last hits the screen (BBC2, 10.20pm) after spending several months hitting the headlines. Tonight's programme examines the growth of data banks and raises uncomfortable questions about the degree of access they provide to our private lives.

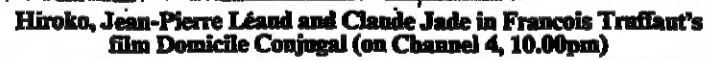
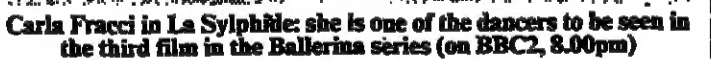
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◆ Peter Davalle writes: A Wealth of Wisdom (Radio 2, 10.00pm) will be anathema if you do not care for Norman Wisdom, his laugh, his films, his jokes, or his singing voice. I have always thought him to be the most shamefully undervalued of our comedians, even a national asset. Therefore, I welcome this eight-part salute to the man and his works, while adding the caution that, as with all such opening instalments is a bit of a ragbag and that things improve considerably once the series gets into its biographical stride next week.... Also recommended: Roy Apps's Sony Award-winning montage *Hopping Down in Kent* (Radio 4, 4.05pm) — good even without stereo headphones, but so much better with them on.



VARIATIONS

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8.25 Sport **7.45** Thought
 for the Day
8.43 Three Stories by Elizabeth
 Bowen (3) "Reduced". Rea
 by Patricia Hodge **8.57**
 Weather; Travel

9.00 News
9:05 **Midweek** with Anne Robinson (3)
10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. Experts in the studio answer listeners' questions sent in by post
10.30 **Living Stars.** Summering by Mark Bourne. The read is Robert Rietty
10.45 **Daily Service.** New Every Morning, page 16 (5)
11.00 **Travel Standstill at War...** A conversation piece based on the letters and journals of Henri Beyre. Hosted by the novelist Stensal. Written by Michael Bakewell. With Nigel Davenport as Stensal and Charles Ascor as Dugene (7) (5)
11.45 **Stensal Writing.** Dilly Barty attempts to answer your questions and queries
12.00 News: Family - First to Last. A four-part

examination into how
and children's views
in the eyes of the law. (2)
Having Parents; The
Children's Charter. With
Howard

12.27 **Letter to Laughter**,
Richard Anthony Baker
with a humorous trip through the
alphabet. Voices include
the late Hermie Seldon
and Jimmy Durante (5)
12.55 **Weather**

1.40 **The World At One News**,
1.39 **A Political Broadcast**
for the Conservative Party

1.40 **The Archers 1.55 Shipping**
forecast

2.00 **News; Woman's Hour** with
Gwen Ffrangconis. Includes
an interview with the cook
Frances Bissell

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Play**,
Christine Cradock by
John Burt Foster. Cast include
Hugh Thomas, Dorian
Thomas and Philip Howe

3.47 **Time for Versus**, George
Gale presents interviews
about animals. (7) Exotic
Animals. Read by Ronald

4.00 *News*. A series of programmes which won awards in the Sony Radio Awards. (1) Hopping Down in Kent. Compiled by Roy Ayres

4.45 *Kaleidoscope Extra*. Gardiner of Gethsemane. John Elk Gardiner has an authentic and modern, groovy, to 5's Beach's great choruses. He talks to Michael O'Brien

5.00 PM *News* magazine **5.50** Shipping forecast

6.00 *News*. Financial report

6.30 *Frankie Howerd*. Pro (new series) Frank Muir & Aliffed Marks skip through comic literature on the subject (s)

7.00 *News*

7.05 *The Archers*

7.20 *In Business* (new series) T programme about the world to work. Presented by Rodney Smith (r)

7.45 *Rebels*. (s) Jack Karcowicz, who wrote a new play, has epitomised the feeling of American Beat Generation. He went from college football hero to a violent destructive alcoholic. Presented by Hugh Sykes

8.15 *Family First* to Last. As follows-up to the programme (12 noon). Joe Llewellyn is joined by Jonathan to answer your questions. 11.30-12.00 *News* from 7.0pm. £ 580 4111

9.00 *Thirty Minute Theatre*. The Brotherhood by Edgar Wallace. Comedy about the young Nick Strimble as Educated Evans and Vernon Joyner as Sergeant Chellioner (s) (r)

9.30 *At Least It's Live*. Susan Llewellyn meets live performers who entertain the public, on the streets or in halls

9.45 *Kaleidoscope*. Includes comment on the Oscar-winning film *Pitoun* and London Festival Ballet at Sadler's Wells

10.15 *At Least It's Live*. Susan Llewellyn meets live performers who entertain the public, on the streets or in halls

10.30 *The World Tonight*

11.15 *The Financial World Tonight*

11.30 *Today in Parliament*

12.00 *News*. Weather

VHF (available in England and Wales only) as above except:
5.55-6.00 *News* (available in Scotland)
1.55-2.00 *PM* Listening Room
5.50-5.55 *PM* (continued)

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